2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 3, 1941.

Mr. W. R. Felton,
307 Water Street,
Sioux Cith, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Felton:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the package of "Cuppy Data". An itemized list of the material follows:

1. Two letters of D. E. Cuppett of Thomas, W. Va. dated Mar. 4, 1936 and Feb. 19, 1937, respectively.
2. Letter of Louise Kennedy, Dayton Ohio, dated Mar. 10, 1936.
3. Letter of Oberlin College heading with accompanying sheet of data from Hill and Knapp histories of Ashland & other counties dated Dec. 8, 1936.
4. Letter of Abram Cuppy(Ralph Abram Cuppy) of Mansfield, Ohio, dated Jan. 7, 1937.
5. One page of Ashland College Letter dated Jan. 12, 1937.
6. A. A. Eddington Letter of Omaha, Neb., dated Feb. 2, 1937.
7. Copy of Letter to Post Master at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, dated Feb. 11, 1937.
8. Data from Mt.Pleasant Postmaster with data given by Mr. Wilmer Tweedy dated Feb. 12, 1930.
9. Letter of Mrs Pauline Hetrick, Crestline, Ohio, Feb. 26, 1937.
10. Letter from General Land Office, Washington D.C., re. land rec'd by John Cuppy, Jr., for Indian War Service and page 3, of John Cuppy data from Veteran's Administration Dec. 29,1939.
11. Copy of letter to Fontanelle, Neb., Postmaster with his return notation on back, dated Jan. 5, 1940.
12. C.A. McGrew letter of Jan/ 16, 1940
13. C. A. McGrew letter of Jan. 29, 1940.
14. Martha M. Ruwe Letter of date Feb. 14, 1940.
15. Letter of Mrs. Hetrick of Crestline, Ohio, of date Mar. 1, 1940.
16. Letter of Mrs. Mary Sinclair of Stuebenville, Ohio, with notes of C. A. McGrew attached (no date on letter or notes)
17. Wis. Hist. Soc. notes from Draper Mss. (not dated). 1 page
18. Data on Hampshire Co., Va., Records , 1 page, (not dated)
19. "Squire Henry Cuppy" account in Conover HISTORY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY,OHIO.
20. "Biography of a Centenarian-John Cuppy", from History of Montgomery County, copy. (Not dated)
21. CUPPY LINE IN AMERICA, 3 pages, and not dated.
22. John Cuppy,III, account by K. Tracy (2 pages)
23. Sample page, Compendium of American Genealogy.

As soon as I can have my office girl make me copies of some of this material, I'll return all of it to you.

Yours, truly
Walter O. Shriner

January 3, 1941

Dear Mr. Felton,

While I wish to delay making a complete and detailed report on the Cuppy Family in America until I have had more time to dovetail your material in with that which I have gathered, I know you will welcome a few statements which will clear up points which imply contradictions in some of the various papers included in your materials.

John Cuppy, the first, had wife Margaret. They moved to Hampshire Co., Va., about 1763 from Morristown, New Jersey, and probably lived with Benjamin Parker and wife Margaret near Romney until 1766 when Benj. Parker and wife released 227 acres to John Cuppy which Parker had purchased as part of a large tract from the Proprietaries of Northern Virginia on Mar. 3, 1763. It would also appear that John Cuppy, II, married Elizabeth DeVore in 1779 and that she was the dau. of John DeVore and another dau. of Benj. Parker - thus making John Cuppy, II, and his wife Elizabeth, first cousins. In 1882 Virginia Census, John Cuppy Sr had a family of 7 while John Cuppy, Jr., had a family of 4. This would indicate that in 1882, John Cuppy Sr had five children at home while John Cuppy Jr had two children. In 1884 Virginia Census, John Cuppy Sr had family of 5 while John Cuppy Jr still had a family of 4. This indicates that two of John Cuppy Sr's children had left home and that John Cuppy, Jr's familyyhad not increased in the meantime. In April, 1794, John and Margaret Cuppy, Sr., sold all their land in Hampshire Co., Va., and moved to Ohio Co., Va., (which became Brooke Co., Va., in 1797) to live near their two sons: John Cuppy, Jr., and Abraham Cuppy. There are no deed records in either Ohio Co., Va/, or Brooke Co., Ohio, to show that John Cuppy Sr. bought land there when he moved. Neither does his name appear on the tax lists. However, John Cuppy, Sr., died in Brooke County, Va., in 1802 leaving a will, dated August 4, 1801 and probated Sept. , 1802. In his will he named his wife, Margaret, and appointed his two sons, John Jr and Abraham, as executors. He also made provisions that his land was to be held in order that his grandson, John Cuppy, son of Abraham, might grow up and buy it of the heirs. Since old John Cuppy owned no land in Brooke County, there is no settlement there. Is it in Jefferson County, Ohio, where Abraham Cuppy settled or is it in Ashland County, Ohio, where John Cuppy, son of Abraham, and grandson of Old John settled? If we can find this land estate settlement, it will give us the complete picture of the children of John Cuppy Sr and wife Margaret. Margaret (Parker) Cuppy died in Brooke County, Va., in 1816. The inventory of her estate was made Jan. 3, 1817 and her son, John Cuppy Jr., was administrator. In his will, John Cuppy Sr left his wearing apparel to his three sons, without naming the third. I'll send you copy of the will in the complete report. In this brief outline, I am not quoting all the authority, that is, Will Book No, Deed Bk., etc.

Of the four claimed sons of John Cuppy,Sr, only two were named in the will, and a third was mentioned as alive at the time. I feel certain that the third son alive in 1802 and who was not named was Henry Cuppy. I am convinced that the eldest son was Daniel Cuppy and that he was desceased by 1802. That Daniel and Henry stayed somewhat close together while John Jr and Abraham settled near each other. Henry Cuppy was in Clermont Co., Ohio, at the time of John Cuppy,Sr's death and in 1818 he settled in Wayne Co., Indiana, just across the border from Dayton,Ohio, where John Jr. settled.

John Cuppy, Jr., born Mar. 11, 1761, Morristown, N. J., married Elizabeth DeVore, dau. of John DeVore, and probably g-daughter of Benjamin Parker, in Hampshire County, Va., in 1779, just after John Cuppy, Jr., returned from his first service in the Rev. War. In 1788, John Cuppy,Jr., moved his family to Ohio Co., Va., near present site of New Cumberland, but in 1790 he moved them to a blockhouse near Wellsburg on account of Indian trouble and joined the army scouts for over three years until the Indians were subdued. In 1794, he bought 500 acres near what is now New Cumberland according to Ohio Co., Va., deed records. However, his same deed later stated that he had bargained for this land as early as 1786. This is logical since he brought his family out to Ohio Co., Va., in 1788 but completed the deed record after the close of the Indian trouble. It was in 1794 that his father, John Cuppy Sr., and his brother, Abraham Cuppy, also came to this locality from Hampshire County. Both John Cuppy, Jr., and Abraham Cuppy were executors of their father's will in 1802. John Cuppy, Jr., was appointed administrator for his mother's personal estate in 1816. John Cuppy, Jr., sold his land in Brooke County, Va., on May 1, 1818 without his wife's signature which means that his wife, Elizabeth (DeVore) Cuppy died just prior to that time. An account of his life in the Montgomery County Ohio History states that he sold his land in Brooke County just after his first wife's death. In 1821, he is reported to have visited his eldest daughter, Elizabeth, married to Samuel Bartholomew, then settled at Lawrenceburg, Dearborn County, Indiana. In 1823, he went to Montgomery Co., Ohio, where his son Benjamin had settled and in October, 1824, he married his second wife, Lydia(Oilar) Russell, widow of Joseph Russell. The exact date of his second marriage should be on file at Dayton, Ohio. John Cuppy, Jr., remained here until his death on June 28, 1861. Because of his extreme age, many of his children had died and his estate settlement on file at Dayton is a complicated affair. However, proof of descent from him could be traced through that estate settlement if one interested should make the study. Since I was only indirectly concerned with the John Cuppy, Jr., line, I never took the pains to unravel all the kinks. His son, Henry Cuppy, stated in a report that his father had five children by the first wife and three by the second. However, this son's reports are full of genealogical errors and contradictions as also are those of John

Cuppy, Jr., himself when made at the age of ninty-nine years. Of course, it is possible that Draper in taking notes from his conversation with the old man made mistakes. For example, Draper quotes John Cuppy Jr as saying his first wife was Elizabeth DeVore and his first cousin and that his mother was Margaret (DeVore) Cuppy. But John Cuppy, Jr, told his brother Abraham's grandson that his mother was Margaret (Parker) Cuppy. I think Draper made the wrong analysis from John Cuppy's statement that he married a cousin. I think his wife's mother was another Parker daughter who had married John DeVore.

John Cuppy, Jr. Children

1. Benjamin Cuppy, probably the eldest and named for his parents' mutual grandfather, Benjamin Parker, was born about 1880 (see your outline). He married Margaret Downing, dau. of James Downing, in Brooke Co., Va., as Benj. Cuppy and wife Maggaret sold their undivided share in the James Downing estate on Sept. 15, 1825, from Montgomery Co., Ohio. About this time, probably with money from the Downing wstate, Benjamin Cuppy and most of his children moved to Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and bought government land near what is now West Lafayette. His father, John Cuppy, Jr., also bought a large tract in Tippecanoe Co., Ind., and later turned it over to son Benjamin and Benjamin's children. Prior to 1837, Margaret (Downing) Cuppy died and on Feb. 27, 1837 Benjamin Cuppy made a pre-nuptial agreement with Margaret Janney, widow of Abel Janney, whereby they deeded much of his land to Benjamin Cuppy's children while the Janney children took the Janey land. Most of these children were married back in Ohio and their order is not order of birth since they are listed as to their location. Several of them bought government land when they came with their father to Tippecanoe County, Indiana, in 1826.
   (1) John Cuppy, and Sarah his wife, had gone to Morgan Co., Ill., and by May 11, 1838, they were in Cass Co., Illinois.
   (2) Samuel Ream who married one of Benj. Cuppy's daughters and had gone with John Cuppy and wife to Morgan Co., Ohio. They were married before coming to Tippecanoe Co., Indiana.
   (3) Abraham Cuppy, born 1805, married Sarah ... in Ohio, and died in 1863 in Tippecanoe Co., Ind., the only son to remain in Tippecanoe Co., Ind. He had ten children: John, Josephus, David, Luther, Franklin, Henry, Abram, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Mary Jane - most of which married in Tippecanoe Co.,Ind.
   (4) Adam Cuppy, married Christena in Ohio, but moved from Tippecanoe Co., Ind., in 1836 to Iowa,(Wapelle Co.?)
   (5) Benjamin Cuppy,Jr. - I think he accompanied Adam Cuppy.
   (6) Samuel Cuppy, married Susannah Sunderland, his cousin, in Tippecanoe Co., Ind., on Mar. 30, 1836. This family also left Tippecanoe County.
   (7) Elizabeth Cuppy, married Moses McFarland in Tippecanoe Co., Ind., on Jan. 31, 1827. Moses died and Benj. Cuppy became guardian of the heirs.
   (8) George Ream who also married one of Benj. Cuppy's daughters.
   (9) James Cuppy with wife Catherine, probably eldest and named for James Downing, but not included in the land deed. He was the only other Cuppy in Tippecanoe Co at this early date and was about the age of the older Benj. Cuppy children.
   The Montgomery County, Ohio, or Richland County, Ohio, marriage records would catch all of these.

2. Elizabeth Cuppy, born about 1881, Hampshire County, Va., the eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth (DeVore) Cuppy, Jr - that is she was the eldest by account of her father who visited her in 1821 at Lawrenceburg, Dearborn Co., Indiana. She married Samuel Bartholomew, probably in Brooke Co., Va. Samuel Bartholomew bought goods at the sale of personal estate of old Margaret (Parker) Cuppy, mother of John Cuppy, Jr. I have never tried to trace this branch beyond Dearborn Co., Ind. Remember, Virginia Census of 1882 and 1884 gave John Jr 2 children.

3. Anna Cuppy, if the third child, was born after 1884 Census in Virginia. She married Francis Sunderland in Brooke Co., Va., on Nov. 18, 1800, one of the few early Cuppy marriages recorded at Wellsburg. This family went to Tippecanoe County, Ind., with the Benjamin Cuppy family where Francis Sunderland died in 1835. He died intestate and Moses McFarland was made administrator with Benjamin Cuppy going security. The final report did not list heirs but there were a host of children indicated such as:
(1) Peter Sunderland who married Sarah Cuppy in 1825
(2) Benjamin Sunderland who married Eliz. Sheffer, Dec. 22, 1836
(3) Susannah Sunderland who married Samuel Cuppy, Mar. 30, 1836
(4) Francis Sunderland, Jr. who married Cincinnati Meek, June 8, 1830
(5) Abraham Sunderland who married Katherine Henderson, May 21, 1833
(6) Susan Sunderland who married Charles Wiggins on Apr. 17, 1831
(7) Andrew Sunderland who bought at the estate sale
(8) William Sunderland who also bought at estate sale.
Some of these at least are children of Francis and Anne (Cuppy) Sunderland, Sr. Later generations in Tippecanoe Co., Ind., spelled the name Southerland. On August 11, 1836, Anne (Cuppy) Suderland married her second husband, William Moore. At the death of her father, John Cuppy, Jr., she made affidavit from Tippecanoe Co., Indiana, that she was about 8 or 9 years of age when her father went to the wars. I think her tombstone could be located. I haven't tried to find the exact dates of any of these families.

4. Abraham Cuppy, the fourth child, born about 1885 in Hampshire county, Va., married Jane Chapman, dau. of George and Johannah Chapman in Brooke County, Va., about 1812. Abraham died prior to Feb. 25, 1819, when his estate was appraised in Brooke County, Va. The final estate report stated that he left two infant children under 7 years of age. The widow, Jane, then marriedJoshua Whims in Brooke County on Mar. 20, 1827. Later deed records reveal only one child living to maturity, namely, John Abram Cuppy, who married Margaret Anne Foreman, dau. of Charles and Anne Foreman. This son, John Abram Cuppy, laid out the town of New Cumberland, old location of the Cuppy family, and his granddaughter, Helen Cuppy, is the present County Clerk there. He inherited considerable land from the Chapman estate.

5. Etc. From here on I have no data. Henry Cuppy stated in an article that there were five children by John Cuppy, Jr's first marriage. But his reports were full of errors. I note your outline gives three others: Margaret b. Jan. 15, 1888, Catherine, and Susan. As I stated before, a thorough investigation of John Cuppy Jr's estate settlement at Dayton? Ohio, would clear

this point.

6. Henry Cuppy, eldest son by second marriage, born July 4, 1825 in Montgomery County, Ohio. He probably had a middle name, Oilar since he had an Uncle Henry Oilar who went with Benjamin Cuppy to Tippecanoe Co., Ind., and also had an Uncle Henry Cuppy who settled in Wayne County, Indiana, just across the line from Montgomery County, Ohio. Henry married Sarah Ann Cuppy, granddaughter of his Uncle Abraham Cuppy, in 1878. They had three children: the only survivor being Emma(seeoutline). Henry Cuppy died and was buried near Dayton, Ohio, the only child to remain near the place of his birth.

7. Fletcher P. Cuppy, second son of John and Lydia (Oilar) Cuppy, Jr. He became a lawyer and settled in Washington, D. C. Three children reported to have settled at Norfolk, Va. If Fletcher's middle name was Perrin, it would indicate a relationship with the Perrin Family in some way.

8. John A. Cuppy, third son of John and Lydia (Oilar) Cuppy Jr. He was born May 7, 1832 in Montgomery Co., Ohio. He married Mary A. Kimberlin, dau. of Jabez and Eliza (Brookman) Kimberlin, at Washington Co., Neb., on Dec. 24, 1871, and had two children. He died Apr. 8, 1888 at Fontenelle, Neb. I would guess that his middle name was Abram since his half-brother Abraham died in 1819 and the name was quite a family name.

Abraham Cuppy, another son of John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy, the progenitors of the family in America, was born December 12, 1763, shortly after the family had settled in Hampshire County, Va. There are no deed records of Abraham Cuppy in Hampshire County, Va., but he married Susannah Perrin, dau. of Edward and Anne Perrin, at Antirtam, Maryland, across the border from Hampshire Co., Va., about 1885. Abraham was two years younger than his brother John Jr and may have been one of the two children who left home of his father between 1882 and 1884 as shown by Virginia Census reports. Abraham Cuppy bought land in Ohio Co., Va., in 1794 at the same time as did his brother John Jr and the same year their parents moved to Ohio Co., later Brooke County. Abraham Cuppy was one of co-executors of his father's will probated in 1802. It was Abraham's son, John, then a boy of five years of age, whom Old John Cuppy specified in his will, that he wanted to his land held until little grandson John could buy same from his heirs. Abraham Cuppy settled in Jefferson County, Ohio, near Mt. Pleasant, shortly after his father's death where he resided the rest of his life. The mother's maiden name, Perrin, was used extensively, in this family. Abraham Cuppy's son John, later married Malinda Wheeler, and settled in Ashland Co., Ohio. I'll not give the data on this branch since you have it from C. A. McGrew. I point out this son John since he is a sort of key by his grandfather's will to the heirs of the estate. Since your wife's ancestress, Margaret (Cuppy) Huffman settled in Ashland County, Ohio, and named her son Perrin, I would check the will or estate settlement of Abraham Cuppy, Sr., at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, before concluding that she was the daughter of John Cuppy, Jr and not the second daughter of Abraham and Susannah (Perrin) Cuppy. You will note that Mr. McGrew did not have a record of any of the Abraham Cuppy children who settled in Ashland Co., Ohio. However, as I said, a careful check of the final estate settlement of John Cuppy, Jr., at Dayton, Ohio, will prove the point one way or another. Mr. Eugene Riggs of Terre Haute, a descendant of Aaron Cuppy of Kentucky, states that he compiled a list of the heirs of John Cuppy, Jr., and I'll get in touch with him as soon as possible.

Henry Cuppy, another son of John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy, Sr., was in all probability the third unnamed son mentioned in the will of John Cuppy, Sr., in 1802. At that time or shortly afterward, Henry Cuppy and his family was living in Clermont Co., Ohio. By 1818, Henry Cuppy bought a large tract of government land in Wayne County, Indiana, just across the state line from Dayton, Ohio. Henry Cuppy's wife was Sarah, last name unknown. However, his daughter Mary (Cuppy) Stanley wrote an account of the family for the early Wayne Co History and she gave the list of children as: (1) Daniel, (2) Mary, (3) Rebecca, (4) James, (5) Thomas, (6) John, (7) Abraham, born in 1810 and who served in Indiana Legislature from Whitley Co., Ind., and whose grandson is Will Cuppy, New York newspaperman of prominence, (8) and Henry Harrison. Both Henry Cuppy, Sr. and his wife Sarah died in 1833 in Wayne Co., Indiana, during the terrible cholera epidemic that swept the middle west. I have considerable data on this family which I will send in the final report. You will note that of these three original sons of John Cuppy Sr., Henry was the only one to name a son Daniel and also that Abraham was the only one to have a son by the name of John before 1802. No wonder Old John Cuppy, Sr., wanted his grandson John, son of Abraham, to eventually own his land.

Where was Henry Cuppy, if he were born back in 1758, as some have suggested, while the family was in Hampshire Co., Va. I do not have Henry Cuppy's birthdate. However, his second child has a son born in Clermont Co., Ohio, in 1814 but even then she could easily have been born after 1790. That makes it quite possible that Henry was even younger than both John Jr and Abraham.

And what about Daniel Cuppy, the suggested eldest son of John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy. The best evidence we have of him is the fact that Henry Cuppy named his eldest son Daniel. The best clue to this Daniel Cuppy is the data sent in by D. E. Cuppett of Thomas, W. Va., where he states that his branch were in Lancaster Co., Pa (later became York Co.,Pa.) then moved to Mongehala Co., Va., (now Preston Co.,W.Va.) where a John Cuppy took a survey for 400 acres. Preston Co., W. Va., is about half way between Hampshire Co and Brooke Co. This is of special interest to me since my wife descended from Aaron Cuppy, born about 1775 in Virginia, came to Bardstown, Kentucky, down the Ohio, about 1796; married Ruth Bunch at Bardstown, Ky., on July 29, 1797 and died there on Dec. 12, 1822 at age 47 years. His children were: (1) John Cuppy, b. May 25, 1798 (my wife's line), (2) Nancy, born 1800, (3) Mary, (4) Sarah, (5) William, and (6) Melissa. It begins to appear that if Aaron Cuppy is not a son of Daniel and a grandson of Old John Cuppy, Sr., **or** an unmentioned son in the will , then there were other Cuppy families besides that of John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy.

I started out to give you an idea what I had on the John Cuppy, Jr., line and here this begins to look like a lengthy report. Never-the-less, it lacks specific references and may prove of interest until I can get the data organized into a complete report.

Very truly yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Dr. Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 10, 1941.

Mr. D. E. Cuppett,
Attorney at Law,
Thomas, West Virginia.

Dear Mr. Cuppett:

Through correspondence with Mr. W. R. Felton of Sioux City, Iowa, I obtained a letter written by you in 1937 in which you gave a brief outline of your Cuppy-Cuppett family, - a branch which had settled in Lancaster County, Pa., then moved to York County to Bedford County in the same state and finally settling in Preston County, W. Va.

For the past six or seven years, I have been helping my wife, Mary Virginia (Cuppy) Shriner, trace her Cuppy line. Her great-great grandfather was Aaron Cuppy, born 1775, who came down the Ohio River and settled at Bardstown, Kentucky, where he married Ruth Bunch on July 29, 1797. Aaron Cuppy died in Nelson County, Kentucky, on Dec. 12, 1822 and the old Cuppy Bible gives his age at death as 47 years. His children were: (1) John Cuppy, b. May 25, 1798, (2) Nancy, b. Feb. ,1800, (3) Mary, b. 1803, (4) Sarah, b. 1806, (5) William Cuppy, b. 1809, and (6) Malissa, b. 1811.

In tracing this family back of Aaron Cuppy (1775-1822), it was quite natural that I should attempt to link him with the family of John Cuppy, Sr., who was listed in the 1782 Va Census (the Virginia volume of the 1790 U.S. First Census) since that was the earliest Federal Report. In making this research, I have just about eliminated Aaron Cuppy from that family unless he descends from a traditional (but unconfirmed) elder son by the name of Daniel Cuppy who did not accompany the parents from Morris County, N. J., to Hampshire Co., Va., in 1763 and who did not go west with the other branches to the Ohio country about 1794. Hence, you can readily see that your information gives me a clue to his (Aaron Cuppy's) possible connection with your branch.

At this point, I think it might be well to give you a brief sketch of what I have secured on the Hampshire County, Virginia, Cuppy family. The early history is hazy and still wrapped in unsubstantiated tradition. The combined stories of the various younger sons of John Cuppy, Sr., state that John Cuppy came to America via New York about 1750 and that he served some time in the French & Indian Wars. Shortly afterward, he settled near Morristown, New Jersey, where he married Margaret Parker. This Margaret Parker was either a daughter or a sister of Benjamin Parker (most probably a daughter) who on Mar. 5, 1763, purchased a large tract of land on Mill Creek near Romney in Hampshire County, Va., of the Proprietaries of Northern Virginia. These families moved to Hampshire County, Va., that year and three years later, on June 9, 1766, Benj. Parker released 227 acres of that tract to John Cuppy. That land deal would indicate that Benjamin Parker was John Cuppy's father-in-law, rather than a brother-in-law. John DeVore also married a Parker sister of John Cuppy's wife and went with these families to Hampshire County, Virginia.

John Cuppy, Sr., and his wife Margaret, bought additional land in Hampshire County, Va., and remained there during the Revolutionary War period but in 1794 they sold all their Hampshire County, Va., holdings and went to Ohio County (later to become Brooke Co.) Virginia. John Cuppy, Jr., had preceded the family to this section along the Ohio River in 1788. But John Cuppy, Sr., was accompanied by at least two other sons: Abraham Cuppy and Henry Cuppy - also one daughter, Sarah, who had amrried Huffman. John Cuppy, Sr., died in Brooke County, Virginia, in 1802. He left a will dated Aug. 4, 1801 and probated Sept. term of court, 1802. He named his wife, Margaret, and appointed his two sons, John Jr and Abraham, as executors of his will. He left his wearing apparel to be divided among his three sons but did not name the third. (Henry, however, was certainly the third son still alive and located near them at the time). In the will, John Cuppy Sr left his land to be held by his executors until his grandson John, son of Abraham, was old enough to buy this land from the rest of the heirs. Abraham was the only son who had named a son John by 1802, which indicates the reason for the provision in the will. The deed records of Ohio and Brooke Counties, Va. (now W. Va.) do not show that John Cuppy, Sr., ever owned any land there and I have not been able to find any final settlement on the real estate provision of that old will. Margaret (Parker) Cuppy, widow of John Sr, died in Brooke County, Va., in 1816 as her personal estate was handled in Jan., 1817, with her son, John Cuppy, Jr., appointed administrator by the court. Her estate was not sufficient to require a distribution among the heirs and so there is no record of such.

This brings us to the accounts of the children of John Cuppy, Sr., and his wife Margaret Parker. John Cuppy, Jr., in various interviews given late in his life, stated there were four sons and two daughters. In one report, he gave them as: (1) Daniel, (2) Elizabeth, (3) John, Jr., (4) Abraham, (5) Henry, (6) Sarah. In still another report, he gave the list as: (1) Elizabeth, (2) John Jr., (3) Abraham, (4) Henry, (5) Sarah, (6) Daniel, and (7) Elsie. The 1782 Va. Census lists John Cuppy, Sr., with a family of 7 and John Cuppy, Jr., with a family of 4. This would indicate that in 1782, John and Margaret Cuppy had five children at home while John Cuppy, Jr., was another child living separately with wife and two children. John Cuppy, Sr., might well have had additional children married and away from home. The 1784 Va. Census lists John Cuppy, Sr., with family of 5 and John Cuppy, Jr., still with family of 4. This indicates that two of old John's children had left home between 1782 & 1784.

John Cuppy, Jr., born Mar. 11, 1761, near Morristown, N. J., (as stated in his pension for Rev. War service) moved while still an infant (1763) to Hampshire Co., Va. In 1778, he served a brief period in the militia and in 1779, he married his cousin, Elizabeth DeVore, daughter of John DeVore (her mother being a Parker). The Draper account misintrepreted Old John Cuppy Jr's verbal conversation, I am certain, by deducing that his mother was a DeVore. John Cuppy, Jr., made this relationship quite clear in an interview reported by his nephew, son of Abraham Cuppy. The two older children of John Cuppy, Jr., as listed in the early Va. Census reports were: (1) Benjamin Cuppy, b. 1780 who married Margaret Downing in Brooke Co., Va.; later settled in Richland Co., Ohio; then moved to Montgomery Co., Ohio; and finally settled in Tippecanoe Co., Indiana, and had eleven children. (2) Elizabeth Cuppy, who married Samuel Bartholomew, and later settled in Dearborn Co., Ind., where he father visited her in 1821; (3) Anne Cuppy, born about 1785; m. Francis Sunderland in Brooke Co., Va., on Nov. 18, 1800; moved to Tippecanoe Co., Indiana, in 1728 where her husband died and she married William Moore in Tippecanoe Co., Ind., on Aug. 11, 1836. (4) Abraham Cuppy, born about 1787, m. Jane Chapman in Brooke Co., Va., about 1813 and died in 1819 leaving two infant children under seven years of age, one being John Abram Cuppy, who laid out the town of New Cumberland. Deed records in Brooke Co., Va., indicate that the other child did not survive long. (5) There was at least a fifth child by this wife, Elizabeth DeVore, who settled in Wabash County, Indiana. Deed records of Brooke Co., show John Cuppy, Jr., selling his land holdings there without wife's signature on May 1, 1818 so Elizabeth died just prior to that date. John Cuppy, Jr., is said to have gone to Jefferson Co., Ohio, just across the Ohio River from Brooke Co., Va., in 1819; this being the location of his brother, Abraham Cuppy. On October 7, 1824, in Montgomery Co., Ohio, John Cuppy, Jr., married Lydia(Oilar) Russell, widow of Joseph Russell, and daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Hanks) Oilar. He settled in Montgomery Co., Ohio, for the remainder of his life and had three sons by this second wife: (6) Henry, (7) Fletcher, and (8) John Abram. John Cuppy, Jr., died June 28, 1861.

Abraham Cuppy, born Dec. 12, 1763, in Hampshire Co., Va., was two years younger that his brother, John Jr. Abraham Cuppy married Susannah Perrin, dau. of Edward and Anne Perrin of Antietam, Maryland, about 1786. In 1794, he moved with his parents to the Ohio River (Ohio Co., Va., later to become Brooke Co., Va.) where he bought land. Shortly after the death of his father, Old John Cuppy, Sr., he settled across the Ohio River in Jefferson Co., Ohio, near Mt. Pleasant, where he resided the rest of his life. Abraham Cuppy died in Jefferson Co., Ohio, on Nov. 3, 1840 and had a family of ten children: (1) Elizabeth, b. June 15, 1787, (2) Margaret, b. Sept. 26, 1789, (3) Sarah, b. May 10, 1791, (4) Ann b. July 4, 1793, (5) & (6) twins: John and Mary, b. Apr. 7, 1797, (7) William, b. May 17, 1799, (8) Abram, b. Feb. 26, 1802, and (9) & (10) twins: Perrin and Rachel, b. Apr. 5, 1804. Most of these children settled in Ohio, not far from their parents.

Henry Cuppy, who was most probably the third son (not named in Old John Cuppy Sr's will but was to share the wearing apparrel) married Sarah (last name not known) and had settled in Clermont Co., Ohio, prior to 1810. In 1818, Henry Cuppy and many of his grown children moved to Wayne County, Indiana, just acrossthe state border from Montgomery Co., Ohio, where John Cuppy, Jr., soon afterward settled. Henry Cuppy died in Wayne County, Indiana, in 1833 without making a will but his estate settlement listed his heirs. A grandson later wrote an account of this family for the Wayne County (Indiana) History, stating that the children were: (1) Daniel, (2) Mary, (3) Rebecca, (4) James, (5) Thomas, (6) John, (7) Abraham, (8) and Henry Harrison. The seventh child, Abraham Cuppy, became quite prominent in Indiana, representing the County of Whitley, in the state legislature and records give his birth as May 25, 1810 in Clermont Co., Ohio. In the estate settlement of Henry Cuppy, no son Daniel was mentioned, hence he must have died without issue. The second child, Mary, had married Aaron Stanley and they had a son born in Clermont Co., Ohio, 1814. This, however, would indicate that she could have been born after 1790 and hence Henry Cuppy was younger than either John Jr or Abraham. This is further indicated by the fact that he bought no land in Brooke Co., Va., at the time the various members of the family moved there from Hampshire Co., Va. The similarity of names in the families of Henry and the other two sons of Old John Sr, almost prove beyond doubt that Henry Cuppy was the third son living and referred to in his father's will.

Sarah Cuppy, the daughter of old John Cuppy Sr and wife Margaret Parker, who married Huffman, was without doubt the mother of Abraham Huffman, who married Margaret Cuppy, the one in whom Mr. Felton is interested. It is my opinion that Mr. Felton is in error in thinking that his Margaret Cuppy- Huffman is the dau. of John Cuppy, Jr. I am almost certain that she is the dau. of Abraham and Susannah (Perrin) Cuppy, born Sept. 26, 1789. He could prove this beyond doubt if he would check the final estate records of both Abraham Cuppy in Jefferson Co., Ohio, and that of John Cuppy, Jr., at Dayton, Ohio.

All of this research, as you can see, leaves my wife's ancestor, Aaron Cuppy (1775-1822) in Kentucky without any possible connection in this family. He was alive in 1802 and could have been a fourth son but old John's will indicated that he had but three sons living. Aaron, having been born in 1775, was too old to have been a son of either John Jr., Abraham, or Henry and the lists of those children exclude that possibility anyway. Besides, Aaron had a son John prior to 1802, and had he been a son of John Cuppy, Sr., the old man would not have been so anxious for Abraham's son John to inherit the land as a namesake.

What about the possibility of an older son, Daniel Cuppy? I think that is a possibility. However, there was one account in the Brooke County History which stated that one of the Cuppy boys was killed at an early date there by the Indians. Who could that have been unless the fourth son of old John Sr.? It might have been Henry Cuppy's eldest son Daniel but I rather doubt it. Besides, I am inclined to believe from the data on your branch that you gave in your letter to Mr. Felton, that your branch is more likely to have been contemporary to that of John Cuppy, Sr., of Hampshire Co., Va., and not to have stemmed from him. There is a story in the Aaron Cuppy branch, that his son William was sent back to Pennsylvania to school about 1828. However, I can find no proof of that tradition. Yet, there is no question but that Aaron Cuppy must have stemmed from some other line than that of John Cuppy Sr of Hampshire-Brooke counties, Virginia.

Doesn't it appear more likely that John Cuppy, Sr., of Hampshire-Brooke Counties, Va., may have had a brother Abraham Cuppy, who settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania? I note that you stated that your branch later moved from Lancaster Co., Pa., to York Co., Pa. Did they move or did their residence fall in York Co., Pa., when York was formed from part of Lancaster in 1749. If it was the later, then this Cuppy line was in Pennsylvania at a much earlier date that supposed. That New York Cuppy clue sounds interesting. Perhaps both the New Jersey and Pennsylvania lines stem from an early New York line.

Any additional data you might have on your Pennsylvania Cuppy branch will be greatly appreciated. I plan to investigate this line and all the clues I can get will expedite the search. If, for instance, your findings have ever run across the name of an Aaron Cuppy, born about 1775, it would hearten me greatly. It was quite disappointing to have run down all that data on the Hampshire-Brooke Virginia Family to find it had no direct connection with Aaron Cuppy.

Hoping that the above data may be of some interest to you and that you may have some information that will lead to a solution of my problem, I am

Most truly yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Dr. Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 11, 1941.

Dear Mr. Felton:

I want to thank you for the additional material which you sent me relative to the Cuppy family, namely,

1. Letter of Mrs. Hetrick of Crestline, Ohio, dated 2/9/37.
2. Letter of Deputy Clerk, Hampshire Co., Va., dated 2/12/37.
3. Letter of Gen. Land Office on 11/18/39 relative to the Iowa land sales to Benj. and Adam Cuppy.
4. One page account taken from Knapp's Hist. of Ashland Co., O.
5. One page account of Abraham Cuppy Family of Jeff. Co., O.

My secretary at the office is still making copies of the material which you sent me in that first batch and until that is finished, I want to delay making a complete report on the records which I have.

However, there are a few comments which I should like to make which may interest you.

The Benjamin Cuppy and the Adam Cuppy who purchased government land in Iowa in 1846 and 1847 are without doubt the same ones who were in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, in 1836 and who went to Illinois just afterward and finally ended up in Iowa. I think Benjamin Cuppy was Benjamin Jr and a brother of Adam. Both were sons of Benjamin and Margaret (Downing) Cuppy and hence grandsons of John Cuppy, Jr., and his first wife, Elizabeth DeVore. The Ad Cuppy who guided the Dodge Party near the Council Bluffs vincinity was without doubt Adam Cuppy. I think the Benjamin Cuppy with Adam was the brother since his father would have been almost seventy years of age at the time. I recall that another letter in your collection that three Cuppy families had settled in Iowa at an early date. Benjamin Cuppy, Sr., had a family of eleven children and only one son, Abraham, remained in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, until his death. I had a friend who lived at Fairfield, Iowa, until last year, whom I could have gotten to look up that Cuppy data for us.

The "Perrin Family" came to what is now West Virginia and Ohio in large numbers after the Revolution:

1. Joseph Perrine, b. 1748 in Cranbury, N.J., served 7 years in the American Army. Married Elizabeth Wycoff in 1771 in N. J. He was the son of Henry Perrine and the descendant of Daniel Perrine who came to America in 1665. Joseph settled in Clermont Co., Ohio, in 1805 where he died in 1823. Has D.A.R. Lin. His children were: James, Arthur, Ralph, Martha, Elizabeth, Ann,

2. William Perrine, a Revolutionary soldier buried at M.E. Cem. in St. Clairsville (Belmont Co.), Ohio. I have no data on this man's heirs.

3. Lemuel Perrin, born Oct. 21, 1749, Rehoboth, Mass. Served with Mass. Troops from 1775 (Lexington Alarm to 1776 as Sgt.) He settled in Clermont County, Ohio, after the war but he died in Fayette County, Indiana, in 1822. He married twice. First wife with children: Married Märtha Nesel in 1773 and had John, Rachel, Lucy, Hannah, Samuel, Patty. Married second Amelia Dickinson in 1792 and had Grover, Lemuel, and Amelia. He was buried back in Perintown, Clermont Co., Ohio, with other members of the family.

4. Edward Perrin and wife Anne, parents of Susannah who married Abraham Cuppy, son of John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy, Sr., about 1786 in Anteitam, Maryland. As this man did not die in either Ohio or Indiana, I have no record of him. It is my guess that he belongs to the New Jersey branch along with Joseph (see No. 1) and moved to Maryland just north of Hampshire County, Va., where Abraham Cuppy met the daughter, and that this Perrin family accompanied the Cuppys out to Brooke Co., Virginia, in 1794. It was probably Edward Perrin who witnessed that first deed in Ohio Co., Va., later to become Brooke Co.

I shall be interested in learning the results of your effort to have the estate settlement of John Cuppy,Jr, examined at Dayton, Ohio, to determine whether Margaret (Cuppy) Huffman was a daughter by his first wife. I had an interview with Mr. Riggs of Terre Haute last week, the man whom I formerly mentioned as having searched John Cuppy Jr's estate settlement at Dayton for his possible relationship to Aaron Cuppy of Ky. Unfortunately, Mr. Riggs did not take down all the names of the heirs as he was primarily interested in looking for the name of Aaron Cuppy. However, his notes do not show that there was a Huffman noted. Various reports have indicated that there were five children by this first marriage of John Cuppy, Jr. Four of them are definitely known, namely: (1) Benjamin, (2) Elizabeth, (3) Ann, and (4)Abraham. It would appear that he might have named one daughter for his mother and hence there would have been a Margaret. However, it is to be noted that he named no son John until his last by the second wife. It is also to be noted that his son, Henry, stated that John Cuppy, Jr., bought farms for all his children. Such has proven true for all seven that we have definitely located. However, it doesn't seem to be true if Margaret (Cuppy) Huffman was his daughter.

It is my belief that your Margaret (Cuppy) Huffman was the second child of Abraham and Susannah (Perrin) Cuppy. There are several indications that such is true. First, she named a son Abraham Perrin Cuppy and this is the branch which had a definite Perrin connection and two of her brothers had been given the name of Perrin. Second, John Cuppy, son of Abraham and Susannah (Perrin) Cuppy, left his bride with Abraham and Margaret (Cuppy) Huffman in Clear Creek Twp., Ashland Co., O., when he moved there in 1818 and settled near the Huffmans. Third, the account in the History of Ashland Co., Ohio, gave her age at the time as such that it gave her birth as 1789 which agrees with that of Abraham and Susannah (Perrin) Cuppy's second daughter. Fourth, you will note that the data on the Abraham Cuppy Family compiled by Mr. McGrew was incomplete for all members of the family who had not settled at Mt. Pleasant, Jefferson Co., Ohio. For example, he had no data on John Cuppy, who married Malinda Wheeler, and who settled near the Huffmans in Ashland County. I note that Mrs. Hetrick also thinks Mrs. Huffman and John were brother and sister. Of course, Mrs Hetrick also concluded that they were both brother and sister of Benjamin Cuppy but we know he was a cousin of John and I am inclined to believe that Margaret was John's brother and a cousin of Benjamin. Since old Abraham Cuppy died in Jefferson Co., Ohio, on Nov. 3, 1840, it would be much simpler to have his will or estate settlement examined and a much better bet. If it proved that Margaret (Cuppy) Huffman was not his daughter, then it would be a safe bet that she had to be John Jr's child. In fact, you would be lucky from a genealogical standpoint if she proved to be Abraham Cuppy's daughter since it would give you a definite line back on the Perrin Family. That is, Margaret, dau. of Susannah (Perrin) Cuppy, dau. of Edward and Anne Perrin of Allegany Co., Maryland, and quite probably son of Henry Perrine of Cranbury, New Jersey, and on back to Daniel Perrin who came to America in 1665.

You will also note that Mrs. Hetrick descends from John, son of Abraham, who was the grandson whom old John Cuppy, Sr., had left his land until said grandson could buy it from the heirs. It is evident, since John the grandson bought govt land in Ashland Co., that his father as guardian under the terms of the will, did not hold the old man's land but sold it. I wish we could get a record of that settlement. It would have given a complete picture of the heirs of old John Cuppy, Sr. It is unfortunate that the records in that family were destroyed by fire some years ago. I am enclosing a copy of the will of John Cuppy, Sr., probated in Brooke Co., Va. (now W. Va.) in 1802.

Did it occur to you that Abraham Huffman was probably the son of Sarah (Cuppy) Huffman and that the Huffmans came to Brooke County with the Cuppys. That would make Abraham Huffman and Margaret (Cuppy) Huffman cousins. You may have noted that cousins often married in this family back in those days.

Yours truly, Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 21, 1941.

Mr. C. A. McGrew,
73 McMunn Avenue,
Crafton, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. McGrew:

I have your letter of January 18th and appreciate very much the additional information and "controversial points" which were raised in connection with that previous report on the CUPPY FAMILY which I sent you.

Shortly after mailing you that preliminary report, I received an immense amount of material from Mr. W.R. Felton of Sioux City, Iowa. By combining the data which you, Mr. Felton, and I have collected independently, a more accurate history is being obtained. I am having copies made of all Mr. Felton's material and then plan to dovetail the combined material into another report. When that report reaches you, please destroy my first report since it contains many "mere guesses" which have since been substantiated or proven in error.

Up until I heard through Mr. Felton of another Cuppy Family which settled early in Lancaster and York Counties of Pennsylvania, I did not know that there were other Cuppys except that of the John Cuppy Sr Family of Hampshire Co., Va. It now appears most likely that John Cuppy, Sr. had a brother Abraham Cuppy who settled in Lancaster County, a part which in turn became a part of York County, and finally a part of Bedford County. Members of this second family later settled in Morgan County, Virginia, and it begins to appear that my wife and her Kentucky Aaron Cuppy stem from that branch. The will of John Cuppy, Sr., indicates that he had only three sons living in 1802 and that very fact tends to eliminate her Aaron Cuppy as one of his sons since he lived until 1822.

Since receiving Mr. Felton's material, I have also made some additional checks on other branches. Much of Mr. Felton's material is derived from County Histories which are subject to genealogical error but give important leads for additional investigation.

For example, the Draper quotation which stated that John Cuppy, Jr!s mother was a DeVore and that John Jr married his cousin, Elizabeth DeVore, dau. of John DeVore... is an error which can be easily explained. When we recall that

Dr. Draper obtained the data for his report by holding an oral conversation with John Cuppy, Jr., when the old man was nearly ninty-nine ~~years~~ of age, it is readily understood how ~~Draper~~ could have placed the wrong interpretation on John Cuppy, Jr's remarks. That John Cuppy, Jr., married his cousin, Elizabeth DeVore, in 1779 after returning from his first enlistment in the Virginia Militia sounds most logical. That her parents were John and Elizabeth (Parker) DeVore is very likely true. Since John Cuppy, Jr., was the son of John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy, it seems quite possible that the two Parker sisters married John Cuppy and John DeVore and thus John Cuppy Jr and Elizabeth DeVore were cousins. This interpretation makes all the data dovetail. All deed records and administration records show conclusively that John Cuppy Sr's wife was Margaret and that John Cuppy Jr's first wife was Elizabeth. This interpretation would be in full harmony with the diary record of Abraham Cuppy's son which was also obtained from John Cuppy, Jr. It would also explain why John Cuppy Jr and wife Elizabeth DeVore named their firstborn, Benjamin. Benjamin Cuppy was named for his grandfather, Benjamin Parker, on both sides. By the way, Benjamin Parker's wife was also Margaret. The next time I am in Romney, Virginia, I'll certainly check all Parker records there.

As to the exact order of the John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy, Sr. children, I had heard only of six and had tried to make those agree with the 1782 Va Census. That census shows 6 persons living with John Cuppy Sr in 1782 exclusive of son John Jr. who was married and living separately with family of 4. One of the six with John Cuppy Sr was his wife Margaret. Two others were no doubt the sons Abraham and Henry. I have data indicating that Henry Cuppy was younger than his brother Abraham. Now, who were the other three? A son Daniel and daughter Elsie would account for two. Elizabeth and Sarah might have been older than John Jr and still one of them unmarried by 1782. If there was a son Daniel, what happened to him? He may have been the young Cuppy man who was killed by the Indians when the family first settled in Brooke Co., Va (now W. Va.). That would account for John Cuppy Sr indicating only three sons in his will. My notes show that a Daniel Huffman came to early Brooke Co and it is likely that he was the husband of Sarah Cuppy, and that they were the parents of Abraham Huffman who settled in Ashland Co., O. Whether or not we ever get complete proof of all children of John Cuppy, Sr., may depend on finding the final land settlement which was provided for in the will of John Cuppy Sr.

Now, as to the children of John Cuppy, Jr. We have the 1782 and 1784 Va. Census reports showing that he had only two children in 1782 and none additional by 1784. There is evidence to show that these first two were (1) Benjamin, b. 1780, and (2) Elizabeth, b. about 1782. Then your quoted Draper article states Anna and Abraham (twins) born in 1785. These also fit into the picture since we have located all these four. You quote Mr. Felton as stating that Draper reported also "Margaret, b. 1-15-1788; Catherine ; and Susan". Mr. Felton also wrote me to the same effect but none of the Draper articles which I rec'd seemed to include this last group.

As I went through the data, the evidence seemed to point most strongly to the fact that the Margaret Cuppy who married Abraham Huffman and settled in Ashland County, Ohio, was Abraham's daughter and not John Cuppy Jr's. I think Mrs Hetrick was the one who caused Mr Felton to take the other view. But that issue can be cleared up by a thorough investigation of both Abraham's and John Jr's final estate settlements. I note that you found Abraham Cuppy's will record in Stuebenville with his sons: Abraham and Perrin as executors. Had you had time to follow through the final report, you could have solved the Sarah (Cuppy) Huffman issue.

When in Lafayette, Indiana, last week, I ran the records on the families there and have considerable additional information.

1. Benjamin Cuppy, born 1780 in Hampshire Co., Va., son of John and Elizabeth (DeVore) Cuppy Jr, married Margaret Downing, dau. of James Downing, in Brooke Co., Va., and shortly after the death of his grandfather, John Cuppy Sr., he moved to Richland Co., Ohio, where the U.S. Census shows him as having 11 children, in 1820. About 1823, Benj. Cuppy and family moved to Montgomery County, Ohio, where his father had just settled with a second wife. In 1826, Benjamin Cuppy moved to Tippecanoe Co., Ind., with many of his sons and daughters, some of whom had already married back in Ohio. His wife died prior to 1837, and on Feb. 27, 1837, Benjamin Cuppy married a widow, Margaret Janney, and at that time he gave much of his land holdings to his children to avoid complications. His children represented in the deeds were: (1) John, (2) dau who married Samuel Ream, (3) James, (4) Abraham, (5) Adam, (6) Benjamin Jr., (7) Samuel, (8) Elizabeth, (9) dau. who married George Ream, and (10) dau. Sarah who married her cousin Peter Sunderland. What happened to the 11th child which was indicated in the 1820 Census back in Richland Co., Ohio, I do not know. Deed records in Tippecanoe Co., Indiana, also show that Benjamin Cuppy received considerable land there from his father, John Cuppy, Jr.

2. Elizabeth Cuppy, b. about 1782 In one statement, her father said she was his eldest daughter. She married Samuel Bartholomew and they were living in Brooke Co., Va., in 1802 when they bought at the Cuppy sale. In 1821, they were living in Lawrenceburg, Dearborn Co., Ind., when John Cuppy, Jr., visited them. I am quite sure this family moved later to Wabash County, Indiana, where John Cuppy, Jr., bought them land. This is near where I was born and the Bartholomew family is an old one there. In a statement quoted from Squire Henry Cuppy, son of John Cuppy Jr, it is stated that his father bought land for each of his children, one of them settling in Wabash County, Indiana. I can check this family the next time I go to Wabash County, Indiana.

3. Anna Cuppy, b. 1785 in Hampshire County, Va., married Francis Sunderland in Brooke Co., Va., on Nov. 18, 1800. In 1825, this family moved to Tippecanoe Co., Indiana, where Francis Sunderland owned and operated a ferry boat across the Wabash River. They lived on this boat the first year. Then bought a farm near Lafayette where the husband died in 1835. On Aug. 11, 1836, Anna (Cuppy) Sunderland married her second husband, William Moore.

Anna Cuppy had a large number of children by her first husband, Francis Sunderland, but they were not named in her husband's personal estate settlement since their land was in her name, the gift of her father. I have a list of the Sunderland youngsters there who were of the age to have been her children: Peter, Benjamin, Susanna, Francis Jr, Abraham, Andrew, William, etc. The court house closed before I had time to run down this data. You may recall that Anna (Cuppy) Sunderland-Moore made affidavit that she was a daughter of John Cuppy, Jr., when her father's estate was settled.

4. Abraham Cuppy, born 1785 in Hampshire Co., Va.; married Jane Chapman, dau. of George and Johanna Chapman in Brooke Co., Va., about 1813. He died in 1819, leaving two infant children, one being John Abraham Cuppy, founder of New Cumberland. The Chapman Estate land deals proves his descent beyond all doubt. There is some possibility that the other child of Abraham may have been taken to be raised by his Uncle Benjamin Cuppy. Yet, there was nothing in the Chapman records to indicate that the second child grew to adulthood.

5. Who was this fifth child by John Cuppy Jr's first wife, Elizabeth DeVore? Squire Henry Cuppy, in the Montgomery County, Ohio, History states there were five children by the first marriage. A check on the final estate record of John Cuppy, Jr., at Dayton would probably show the facts. It may have been Margaret Cuppy who married Abraham Huffman, but I doubt it.

John Cuppy Jr married his second wife, Lydia (Oilar) Russell, widow of Joseph Oiler, and daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Hanks) Oilar on October 7, 1824, in Montgomery Co., Ohio. Henry Oilar accompanied his step-son, Benjamin Cuppy, to Tippecanoe Co., Ind., in 1826.

Like you, I now have the data on the three sons: Henry, Fletcher, and John III of John Cuppy Jr and wife Lydia. Your data and that of Mr. Felton completed that part.

Who was Margaret Cuppy, wife of Abraham Huffman? The report in Knapp's ASHLAND COUNTY HISTORY lists her age at the time of writing which conforms with the birth date of Abraham's daughter and not that of John Jr's daughter. The Huffmans settled in Clear Creek Twp., and John Cuppy, son of Abraham settled near them shortly afterward. In fact, John left his bride with the Huffmans while he built his own cabin near by. The Huffmans named a son Abraham Perrin Hoffman which would also tie in with that direct relationship. By the way, this John Cuppy, son of Abraham, who married Malinda Wheeler, was the grandson mentioned in his grandfather's will. It is evident that the grandfather's land had been sold and distributed among the heirs since John settled in Ashland Co., Ohio, as soon as he was married.

The second child of Henry Cuppy (son of John and Margaret Parker Cuppy,Sr.) was born in 1795. That would indicate that Henry Cuppy was married about 1792 and might well have been a few years younger than your Abraham. It is quite possible that Henry Cuppy was liv' in Clermont County, Ohio, with his wife's people and that no deed records or historical accounts would appear that mentioned him. The WAYNE COUNTY INDIANA HISTORY states that Aaron Stanley went to Clermont County, Ohio, about 1809 where he met and married Mary Cuppy, dau. of Henry and Sarah Cuppy. You may recall that Abraham Cuppy, son of Henry and Sarah Cuppy, and brother of Mary (Cuppy) Stanley was born in Clermont Co., Ohio, in 1810. Will Cuppy of New York descends from this line.

If you should have the opportunity to make a full examination of the final report papers on the estate of Abraham Parker Cuppy at Stuebensville, and get the proof of lineage of Margaret (Cuppy) Huffman, it would be of great help.

As I mentioned at the beginning, I'll send you a revised report when I have time to make a complete analysis of this new material.

Most cordially yours,

Walter O. Shriner.

PS. You might be interested to know that a Joseph Perrin, born 1748, in Cranbury, N. J., served seven years in the army and settled in Clermont Co., Ohio, in 1805. He was the son of Henry Perrin and a descendent of Daniel Perrin who came to America in 1665. This could well be a brother of your Edward Parrin who lived in Maryland for a time before coming on west. This write-up appears in the "Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Ohio".

2525 North Ninth Street,
February 11, 1941.

Mr. W. R. Felton,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Felton:

Under separate cover, I am returning your material on the Cuppy Family and in the same package you will also find an eighteen page analysis and history of the John Cuppy family which I have made from our combined materials.

I had intended to attach a sheet of comments to each of the genealogical exhibits in your collection, but finally concluded that to do so would be a waste of time since many of the errors are quite evident to all of us.

If there is anything in my analysis that seems to be in error, I would appreciate your calling my attention to same. If you secure definite data on the heirs of John Cuppy, Jr., from the probate records at Dayton, Ohio, I would appreciate your informing me of the same. Also, I would like to have the bible record on Adam Cuppy and Isaac Cuppy of Iowa which the letter from Dr. A. A. Edgington of Omaha, Neb., stated was being sent you. This bible record was not included in the data which you sent me.

I think there is no doubt but that your Abraham Huffman of Ashland County, Ohio, was the grandson of Conrad Huffman of Hampshire County, Va., who was the head of a family of 12 in 1782. No doubt, two of the sons of Conrad Huffman were Benjamin Huffman and Henry Huffman. Probably one of these married Sarah Cuppy, second daughter of old John Cuppy, Sr. If it was Margaret Cuppy, daughter of John Cuppy,Jr., who married Abraham Huffman, then it is strongly indicated that Abraham Huffman's father married a Perrin, probably another daughter of Edward and Anne Perrin. Abraham Huffman's father might have been Zachariah Huffman, son of old Conrad. This possibility would seem to explain the use of the name Perrin. Conrad Huffman's estate was settled in Hampshire County, Va. It is probable that the Perrin and also the father of Abraham Huffman both died in Brooke Co., Va. I didn't look for any Huffman or Perrin estate reports when in Wellsburg, W. Va., last summer.

While looking up data on the Cuppy family in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, I ran across some data on the Baird Family that might be of interest to you. A branch of the Baird family settled in Tippecanoe and in the History Of Tippecanoe County, page 560, in one Baird account it was stated, "John Baird came to America in 1683, purchased land and settled at Marlboro, Monmouth Co., New Jersey". This gives you a clue as to where to look for your early Baird family in America. Members of this Baird family then moved west and were settled in Westmoreland Co., (now Fayette Co., Pa.) during the Revolution, where one was a Lt. Col. of the 2nd Battalion, Westmoreland County, Penn. militia during the Revolutionary War. Following the close of the war, the younger members of the family proceeded westward - and no doubt your branch could be connected with them by a little research.

Thanking you for loaning me your material and hoping you may be interested in my analysis, I am

Most cordially yours,

Walter O Shriner

Dr. Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
February 25, 1941.

Mr. C. A. McGrew,
73 McMunn Avenue,
Crafton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. McGrew:

I am enclosing herewith the recently compiled report on the John Cuppy Family which was written after I had received the mass of data sent in by Mr. Felton of Sioux City, Iowa, and also after I had spent another day looking up records on the Benjamin Cuppy and the Anne (Cuppy) Sutherland-Moore families in Tippecanoe County, Indiana. Consequently, this report is much more complete than the preliminary one I mailed you last December. You will also note that I have changed the probable order of the first set of children for John and Elizabeth (DeVore) Cuppy, II, so as to conform with the order which John Cuppy II gave to Dr. Draper himself.

You will note that I am of the opinion that John Cuppy, II and his wife, Elizabeth DeVore, were first cousins on the basis that their mothers were Parker sisters. This would certainly be the best explanation if other data were to be explained in anything like a satisfactory manner. It is quite possible that Dr. Draper merely inferred from the cousinship that John's mother was a DeVore.

You will also note that in this report that I took the order of children as given by John Cuppy II to Draper in the family of John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy, I. I think the daughter, "Elsie", needs to be considered in order to verify the 1782 Va Census but I believe she died before the family came to Brooke County.

That Anne Cuppy was the second child of John and Elizabeth (DeVore) Cuppy, II, is fairly well established. She made affidavit in Tippecanoe Co., Ind., in 1861 that she was about 10 years old when her father went into the Indian Wars in 1791. Her marriage record on file at Wellsburg shows date Nov. 18, 1800 which would have made her 19 years of age at the time. Draper8s notes show her older than her brother Abraham and not a twin. Also, 1782 Xa Census show Benjamin and Anne as only children of John Jr at the time.

My former placement of Elizabeth as the eldest daughter of John Jr was due to report in Montgomery Co. History to that effect. That article was written by Henry Cuppy, son of John Jr, but I am certain it was an error of order. Henry's reports are all full of errors, as you have no doubt observed.

Mr. Felton writes me that he is checking carefully the probate records at both Steubenville and Dayton in an effort to determine for cebtain whether it was Abraham's daughter Margaret or John Jr's daughter Margaret who married Abraham Huffman.

If you should obtain additional data on the various children of Abraham and Susannah (Perrin) Cuppy in the future, I should like very much for you to send me that information. If and when Will Cuppy of New York sends me additional data on the HENRY CUPPY FAMILY of Clermont County, Ohio-Wayne County, Indiana, I send it to you.

Most cordially yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
February 25, 1941.

Pennsylvania State Library & Museum,
Archives Division, Room 222,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

I am very anxious to obtain data on an early settler in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, by the name of Daniel Cuppy (sometimes spelled Cuppet) who is reported in family accounts as having died in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in 1776 or 1777, leaving a widow and several small children.

It is possible that Daniel Cuppy was serving in the Bedford County Militia at the time and that his widow may have applied for a state pension.

If not, I am hoping that the tax records at that time may serve to locate his place of residence.

I am enclosing a dollar for payment of a certificate in case Daniel Cuppy (or Cuppet) was engaged in military service. I would gladly pay any additional fee necessary to obtain the tax record for Daniel Cuppy in Bedford County, in case there is no record of militia service to be found.

Most gratefully requested,

Walter O. Shriner

Dr. Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
February 25, 1941.

Mr. D. E. Cuppett,
Attorney at Law,
Thomas, West Virginia.

Dear Mr. Cuppett:

I was very happy to receive your report on the Cuppy-Cuppet-Cuppett Family. As you know, I have been helping my wife collect data on the Cuppy families in order to determine where her great-great grandfather, Aaron Cuppy (1775-1822), fits into the outline.

Enclosed herewith is an eighteen page report on the John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy Family which has been compiled from all the available data which I have obtained to date. Unfortunately, I have been unable to locate a final report of land settlement for John Cuppy, I, which his last will would indicate was executed. Such a record, if found, would give a complete list of his heirs. The most highly probable lists of the children of John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy are those given to Dr. Draper and to John Worrall Cuppy, respectively, by their son, John Parker Cuppy (1761-1861). And in these lists, there is no mention of Aaron Cuppy who settled at Bardstown Kentucky as early as 1796.

The Daniel Cuppy, father for your John Cuppet (1774-1855), would have necessarily have been one of the very eldest sons of John Cuppy, Sr., if he was a son of said John. However, the Draper reports state that Daniel was born in Hampshire Co., Va., and the 1782 Va Census seems to verify the last.

Has it occurred to you that John Cuppy, the First, may have had a ~~brother~~ A. Cuppy (Abraham, Adam, or Aaron) who settled in Pennsylvania? Or, perhaps, he had had a son by a first wife before his marriage to Benjamin Parker's daughter in New Jersey and that this son might not have accompanied the family to Hampshire Co., Va., in 1863. It would be quite logical for step sons of Margaret (Parker) Cuppy to have remained behind with possible members of the first wife's family, and also for John Cuppy, II, not to have listed half-brothers in the order of birth.

The early tax records of Pennsylvania should give a very definite location for A. Cuppy and Daniel Cuppy in York and Bedford counties. I plan to write the State Library at Harrisburg for this data soon.

Most truly yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

THE DIRECTOR

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
STATE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
HARRISBURG

February 27, 1941

Doctor Walter O. Shriner
2525 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Doctor Shriner:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 25, 1941 with $1.00 in cash as payment for a certified copy of the military record of Daniel Cuppy.

We have made a thorough search for this record and have failed to find the name in the PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES. We would suggest that you write to Colonel John T. Harris, Office of the Quartermaster General, War Department, Washington, D. C. for any advice he may be able to offer in your search for this record. It is possible that this service was not rendered in the State of Pennsylvania, perhaps, he may have served with the New Jersey or Virginia troops. The name does not even appear in the Census of 1790.

There is a David A. Cuppet listed in the Bedford County land records in the year 1828.

We will be glad to have you call upon us if we can be of any further service in your search although the evidence is to the contrary.

Please find $1.00 in cash which we are returning since we are unalbe to issue the desired certificate.

Very sincerely yours,

Alfred Decker Keator, Director
State Library and Museum

BY Henry W. Shoemaker,
Henry W. Shoemaker,
State Archivist

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Enclosure

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
March 2, 1941.

Mr. W. R. Felton,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Felton:

I have your letter of February 19th and was glad to learn that the package containing all the Cuppy Family material which you had sent me previously had arrived safely. That material, when combined with that which I had collected and also that submitted by Mr. McGrew, enabled us to get a much better analysis.

As to you suggestion that a copy of the present tentative analysis be submitted to the American Institute of Genealogy at Chicago, it is my opinion that it would be much better to delay such action until a few controversial points can be cleared up. We have already seen what damage can result when conflicting statements are filed with such organizations as the Wisconsin Historical Commission on the part of John Cuppy II and his son Henry. Within a few months, I believe we can clear up several of the most troublesome points.

One point that needs clearing up badly is that concerning the two Margarets, John's daughter and Abraham's daughter, and to learn definitely which one married Abraham Huffman. I feel confident that whoever runs down the probate records at both Steubenville and also at Dayton will find the answer. The Dayton records may also reveal the full list of the children of John and Elizabeth (DeVore) Cuppy Jr who grew to adulthood.

It is not clear to me what you meant by the "problem of the two John Cuppys". Mr. McGrew thought he had data proving that John Cuppy Jr had named two of his sons John III. However, he was figuring the John A. Cuppy who laid out the town of New Cumberland, Hancock County, W.Va., as a son when in reality, that John A. Cuppy was the son of Abraham and Jane (Chapman) Cuppy, and hence a grandson of John Cuppy, II. As this grandson, John A. Cuppy, was older than his grandfather(s second set of children, and as his father Abraham died early and left John A. Cuppy, an orphan under seven years of age, it is quite likely that members of the family almost considered this grandson as one of the children. However, the deed records at Wellsburg and also at New Cumberland show definitely that the John A. Cuppy of New Cumberland was a Chapman heir and hence a grandson of John and Elizabeth (DeVore) Cuppy.

Another point that needs clearing up is that "Pennsylvania Branch" angle which I am almost beginning to believe has very little basis. After reading those letters which D.E. Cuppett of Preston County, W. Va., wrote you back in 1937, I thought we really had some additional angles to deal with.

However, I wrote Mr. D. E. Cuppett last month and have just received his reply. I am enclosing herewith a copy of his letter and you will note that he makes no mention of any written confirmation that his family ever used the name Cuppy. I also wrote the Pennsylvania State Archivist at Harrisburg and asked him to run the Bedford County Tax Records for early pioneers by the name of both Cuppet and Cuppy. The State Archivist sent me word that the only early record in Bedford County, Pa., was that of David A. Cuppet in 1828. You will note that this is the same spelling used by Attorney D. E. Cuppett's ancestor, John Cuppet (1774-1855) who settled in Monongalia Co., Va., now Preston County, W. Va., about 1800 and who purchased his land there from his father-in-law, Frederick Spahr.

It is interesting to learn, however, that the Monongalia Co. records show that one John Cuppy obtained a patent to a tract of land there as early as 1769 and made a settlement thereon and that he sold this tract to Ephraim Frazee in 1781. This was without doubt John Cuppy Sr of Hampshire Co. It would further indicate that he sold this western tract shortly before he bought that additional land back in Hampshire Co of the Mercer & Lewis estate. However, there is no evidence yet found to show that this John Cuppy was any relation to the John Cuppet who settled in Monongalia County some twenty years later.

Has it occurred to you that Mr. D. E. Cuppett may have jumped at the conclusion of relationship from the fact that he found both deeds when he searched the deed records in Monongalia County. Also, the name Cuppet could readily have been pronounced Cuppy even tho never written in that form. In fact, were it a French name, it would most certainly been pronounced Cuppee. I plan to have the early records of York and Lancaster counties searched and I am of the opinion we can get the facts on this matter.

But if this Pennsylvania Clue be a myth, where does the Aaron Cuppy (1775-1822) who settled at Bardstown, Kentucky, about 1796 come in? This man always used the spelling Cuppy as did all of his descendants. He also named his first child John Cuppy, the child born in 1798. It is possible that this was the fourth son of John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy and that his name was not Daniel but Aaron as I first surmised. He would have been just about of legal age when his parents migrated from Hampshire County. When his parents settled near John Jr and Abraham, it is quite likely that the two younger sons, Henry and Aaron came on down the Ohio River, Henry stopping in Ohio and Aaron going on to Kentucky. It may possibly that the eldest sister, Elizabeth, and her family moved to Kentucky. However, all of this is conjecture. But if the Cuppet family proves to be unrelated, it just about makes Aaron Cuppy a likely branch of the Hampshire County Cuppys by the method of elimination.

If you get definite information from the search of the probate records of Steubenville and Dayton, I'll appreciate your sending same to me. I'll also be very grateful for the bible data on Adam, Isaac, and Benjamin Cuppy families in Iowa when that data comes in. In the meantime, I shall investigate this Pennsylvania angle and send you what further information I uncover.

Most cordially yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
March 2, 1941.

Attorney D. E. Cuppett,
Thomas, West Virginia.

Dear Mr. Cuppett:

I have your letter of February 19th and was very much interested in the abstract on the Cuppet-Cuppett family. After receipt of your letter, I wrote the Pennsylvania State Archivist at Harrisburg and requested him to run the early tax records in Bedford County, Pa., for me on pioneer names of both Cuppy and Cuppet. I have his reply and you will be interested to know that he reports a

> David A. Cuppet listed in Bedford County land records in the year 1828. But he found no mention of the name in the Pennsylvania Archives which contain the data prior and during the Rev.

But it would seem quite probable that the name David A. Cuppet might well have been Daniel A. Cuppet and the error coming in reading the script. In my searches, I have often noted that same interpretation in the script form: David *David* and Daniel *Daniel*

Have you ever made any search of records at York, Pennsylvania or Lancaster, Pennsylvania?

Several years ago while passing through Romney, Hampshire County, W. Va., I also stopped and looked up the Cuppy records there. There was one, however, that I noted but did not look up for the reason that it was dated after the John Cuppy, father, and John Cuppy, son, had sold out in 1794. These were deed records of land sales from Sarah Cuppee beginning in 1809 with references as follows: Deed Bk No. 16, pp. 166, 458, 478, 609, and 77; Deed Bk. No. 17, p.61; and Deed Bk No. 18, p. 69. It has recently occurred to me that these may have been deeds by Daniel Cuppy's widow and might throw some light on this family. You will note the slight change in spelling. I also went out to the Romney Cemetery and noted the name of Cupp but found no Cuppy grave stones. Did you by any chance check on the Sarah Cuppee deed transfers?

Very truly yours,

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
March 4, 1941.

Mr. C. A. McGrew,
73 McMunn Avenue,
Crafton, Penna.

My dear Mr. McGrew:

I have your letter of March 2nd and was very glad to receive your corrections and additions. I don't know how I came to give Henry Oilar Cuppy's birth date as 1824 when writing the report.

I am also glad you called my attention to the line of decent for John S. Cuppy of Pittsburg. You will note that I had written it correctly at first and then when I came to your Uncle William Cuppy, it occurred to me that I had made a mistake. On looking up the data in your letter, I got the facts and then crossed out the wrong statement in the report. The additional data on the location of the Ong Family was appreciated. If you should come across the exact county in Illinois where the Ong Family located, I wish you would make a note of it and send me word. All additional data you may find on the Abraham and Susannah (Perrin) Cuppy will also aid in getting a more complete report.

The Hazlitt Alva Cuppy of Lititz, Pennsylvania, who was listed in "Who's Who" was my wife's uncle. He died in 1934 and belonged to the Aaron Cuppy (1775-1822) branch, the one who settled in Bardstown,(Nelson County) Kentucky, in 1796. My wife says that her Uncle Hazlitt A. Cuppy endeavored to collect the Cuppy Family data about forty years ago and became disgusted because so few of the members he contacted would give him the least bit of cooperation. That may account for the brusk answer he sent Mr. John S. Cuppy of Pittsburg.

That surprising lead regarding another Cuppy branch in early Pennsylvania seems to be rapidly fading out. I am enclosing three letters written by Attorney D. E. Cuppett of Thomas, W. Virginia, who was the real originator of the idea. After reading the first two letters which he had written to Mrs and Mr Felton, I concluded that he had definite data proving that his ancestors had at one time spelled their name Cuppy. Since Aaron Cuppy of Bardstown Kentucky did not definitely fit in with the list of John Cuppy Sr's children as given Dr. Draper by John Cuppy, Jr., I naturally thought he might have descended from this so-called Pennsylvania Branch. I wrote to Atty D. E. Cuppett in January and sent him a report of the Cuppy Family and asked if he could throw any additional light on the Pennsylvania branch. You will find a copy of his recent reply attached to the other letters which he wrote to the Feltons several years ago.

If you will read over all three of his letters carefully, you will note that he has no written official evidence that his ancestors ever used the name Cuppy. In fact, his last letter which is based on more recent information, rather indicates that there is no relationship between the Cuppy and Cuppet families. I wrote to the Pennsylvania State Archivist at Harrisburg two weeks ago and asked him to check the early tax records of Bedford County, Pa., for pioneers by the name of Cuppy and Cuppet. In a reply, the State Archivist reported there was only a David A. Cuppet to be found in the early Bedford records and that he located land there in 1828. This was probably that legendary Bedford County connection that D. E. Cuppett writes about. David could easily have been Daniel when written in script, that is, David [illegible], appear similar.

I plan to have the early records of York County examined for Cuppy and Cuppet data. This will probably give the facts on the case. If the records there do not show a Cuppy record but do show Cuppet records, then it would indicate that there was not a common origin.

This is what I think happened in the mind and experience of D. E. Cuppett. He became interested in his ancestry and very naturally went to the land records in Monongalia County, W. Va., where he knew that his great-grandfather, John Cuppett had deeds recorded when settling in what is now Preston Co., about 1800. In examining the deed records in Monongalia County, he came across an early one in 1769 by John Cuppy and very naturally thought that this early John Cuppy was probably the ancestor of his John Cuppet. This led him to examine the early Virginia Census Reports and led him to investigate the John Cuppy in Hampshire County, Virginia. In his most recent letter, however, D. E. Cuppett reveals that there is no connection between the John Cuppy deed of 1769 and the John Cuppet deed of 1800. John Cuppy took a patent to land in Monongalia County, Va., in 1769 and sold this tract in 1781 to Ephriam Frazee. I think that this early John Cuppy was very probably the Hampshire County John Cuppy and that he sold this western tract just before buying the Mercer & Lewis 300 acres back in Hampshire County. Now D. E. Cuppett's great-grandfather, John Cuppet, bought his 1200 acres in Monongalia County some twenty years later and bought same from his father-in-law, Frederick Spahr. Thus, no relationship is in evidence at all from these land deeds in Monongalia County. As you read his letters, you will also note that the Cuppett's have given no court records nor written records of any kind that the name was ever spelled Cuppy. It is my experience in genealogical research that no headway is made at all until you run across at least some definite printed or written records dating back far enough to be recognized as valid. You must recall that the Pennsylvania State Archivist didn't even find an Isaac Cuppet in Bedford County.

If the early records of York and Lancaster County, Penn., show that there were no Cuppy pioneers there prior to the Revolution and that there were Cuppet pioneers, it would seem to indicate that there was no foundation to the claim that Cuppy and Cuppet had the same origin.

Now, if this Pennsylvania branch idea does turn out to be imaginary, where does Aaron Cuppy of Kentucky come in? From earliest records in Kentucky, this man spelled his name Cuppy and his descendants have continued that spelling. His birth date, 1775, would qualify him for the youngest son of John Cuppy I. Draper's account agrees that there were four sons, and we have definitely located John Jr , Abraham, and Henry. The Draper Report states that the other son was Daniel but no evidence has yet been found that there really was a Daniel. Could John Jr at the age of 99 years been in error about his younger brother's name? May it have been Aaron? Of course, if I could find evidence that Aaron's full name was Daniel Aaron, I would feel certain that I had the problem solved. But I have never seen and records to that effect. It has been reported that Aaron Cuppy was a preacher in Kentucky but the court records in Nelson County do not reveal that. I have never examined the church history of that county. Perhaps this problem will iron itself out eventually, as we get more and more evidence.

Most cordially yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
March 4, 1941.

H. J. Young, Researcher
Hist. Society, York County,
York, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Young:

I desire very much to secure a research study on the early Cuppy-Cuppet Family in York County, Pennsylvania.

It is reported by various members of the family that the family name of Cuppet was originally spelled Cuppy and that the family resided in York County, Pennsylvania, prior and during the Revolutionary War.

There is a tradition that "A. Cuppy" was the name of the earliest known member of the family in York County. When members of this family later moved westward into Bedford County, Pa., and into Monongalia County, Va (now W.Va), they were members of the Luthereań Church. I give this data on church affiliations since it may point to church records and possibly to German Language records.

I am enclosing a check in amount of $10.00 as initial payment on this work. You may recall having prepared two former reports for me, namely, (1) one on the Schreiner-Shryner-Shriner Family, and 62) one on the Hendricks-Hendrickson- Henderson Family.

Very truly yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 20, 1941.

Mr. John S. Cuppy,
5432 Claybourne Street,
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Cuppy:

For several years, a number of us have been attempting to compile a history of the Cuppy Family in America and we have succeeded in gathering considerable data. Mr. G. A. McGrew of Crafton, Pa., has written me that you are interested and he has just sent me your present Dayton address.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the tentative report that I prepared a short time ago which will give you some idea of what has been accomplished by pooling information. Mr. Felton of Sioux City, Iowa.; Mr. McGrew of Crafton, Pa.,; and myself have been interested and the enclosed report is a sumary based on data gathered by all. If you have any additional information at present or run across any in the future, I would appreciate your sending it to me. By cooperating, we may be able to get a rather complete history of the family.

You will note that we have a very meager report on your William and Miriah (Joseph) Cuppy line. Could you give me more data on them - where they settled and their children, etc.? If you know of anyone who is interested in collecting data on the Cuppy family, I would be very glad to have their names and addresses.

I am not a professional genealogist and merely do this work as a hobby. My wife was Mary Virginia Cuppy, daughter of John William Cuppy, granddaughter of Rev. Thomas Wm Cuppy, g-granddaughter of John Cuppy, and gg-granddaughter of Aaron Cuppy. During summer vacations we travel quite a bit and have gathered data on our various family branches.

Hoping the enclosed report may be of interest to you and that you may also care to send in any additional information that you may have, I am

Most corddally yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Dr. Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 20, 1941.

Mr. C. A. McGrew,
73 McMunn Avenue,
Crafton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. McGrew:

I was happy to get your letter of April 15,1941 and to learn that John Ong and wife, Mary Cuppy, had settled near Tonica in LaSalle County, Illinois. As that locality is not far from Chicago, I shall look up the records there the next time I pass through that section.

The present address of John S. Cuppy, descendant of William and Mariah (Joseph) Cuppy, who is now located at Dayton, Ohio, was also appreciated. I do not have a list of the children of William and Mariah (Joseph) Cuppy nor do I have any data on where this family located.

A short time ago, I searched the records at Wabash County, Indiana, and found that John Cuppy, Jr. (1761-1851) had purchased a tract of land from the government in that locality as early as 1835 but that he sold same to his son Henry Cuppy, all residing in Montgomery County, Ohio, at the time, in 1852 and that the son Henry Cuppy immediately sold this land in Wabash County, Indiana. This proves that John Cuppy Jr had not purchased the land for one of his married daughters as I had suspected. I had thought that perhaps he had bought the Wabash land for the daughter Margaret whom we are having difficulty distinguishing from Abraham Cuppy's daughter Margaret.

I am having a detailed research made of the records of York County, Pennsylvania, for all Cuppy and Cuppett data. If there was another Cuppy branch there, I want to find out about it. The records of Bedford County, Pa., did not reveal any connection between the Cuppy and Cuppett families.

When you get over to Stuebenville, I hope you can check marriage records for name of the Meek who married Rachel Cuppy, youngest child of Abraham and Susannah (Perrin) Cuppy. I believe this family may have accompanied the Meek families to Tippecanoe County, Indiana, about 1827.

Most cordially yours,

Walter O Shriner

2525 North Ninth St.
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 24, 1941.

Mr. W. R. Felton,
307 Water Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Felton:

I was happy to learn that you are still striving to secure more data on the Cuppy Family. Without doubt, the Martin L. Peter, S.A.R. man at Dayton, will be able to get a full report on the heirs of old John Cuppy, Jr. Did you send him a report on our incomplete list of his children? Such a report will help him some in getting an organization of many of the grandchildren heirs, in case he has difficulty in placing some of them.

Mr. John S. Cuppy, descendant of Abraham and Susannah (Perrin) Cuppy, is now engaged in defence work at the Wright Plant in Dayton and I have written him to make what investigation he can. I know that he is interested in securing more data but I do not know how much time he may have available for the research.

Mr. C. A. McGrew has promised me that he would make a very thorough search of the Stuebenville records for the heirs of old Abraham Cuppy at his first opportunity.

When in Wasbash, Indiana, a few weeks ago, I searched the records there and found that John Cuppy, Jr., had bought a tract in Wabash County of the govemnment thru the Ft. Wayne Land Office in 1835 but that he and wife Lydia sold this to the son Henry Cuppy in 1852 while all three were residing in Montgomery County, Ohio. This spikes any theory that old John had purchased the Wabash land for one of his married daughters. Henry Cuppy sold that same tract in 1852 shortly after his parents had signed it over to him. You may recall that this was the same year that John and Lydia Cuppy sold the Nebraska land to their youngest son, John A. Cuppy.

I have engaged Dr. Young, chief researcher for the York County (Pa) Historical Society, to make a complete check of York County, Pennsylvania, records for trace of the Cuppy-Cuppett faulies in an effort to get at the bottom of that angle suggested by Atty D. E. Cuppett. I think that I told you that I found little data on the Cuppett line in Bedford Co.,Pa.

In looking over my notes taken on Cuppy data which I took down when at Romney, (Hampshire County, Va.) several years ago, I ran across a clue that may prove of interest. In addition to the various deed records for John Cuppy Sr and John Cuppy Jr., there was a series of deed records for

Sarah Cuppee, dating from 1809 on for several years. At

the time, I was pressed for time and did not think that this data was pertinent. However, I am now of the opinion that this Sarah Cuppee may have been Daniel Cuppy's widow and that a study of her administration deeds may reveal that fact and may also reveal the names of their children. Her deed records were quite numerous, according to my notes: Book No. 16, pp. 156, 458, 478, 609, and 77; Book No. 17, p. 61; and Book No. 18, p. 69. I am quite sorry that I didn't anticipate the need for having this data at the time.

I'll keep in touch with you and send any additional data that I get.

Cordially yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 26, 1941.

Mr. J. M. Cuppy,
Storm Lake, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Cuppy:

About a year ago, I made contact with a Mr. W. R. Felton of Sioux City who was interested in compiling a history of the Cuppy Family in America. For several years, I have been helping my wife collect data on the Cuppy family as she is a daughter of John William Cuppy, and a granddaughter of Rev. William Thomas Cuppy.

Several days ago, Mr. Felton sent me some additional data which he had acquired and it this last report he mentioned having received a letter from you some time ago. He gave just enough information to indicate that you and my wife both belong to the Kentucky Aaron Cuppy line.

In short, your grandfather John Morrison Cuppy was a half-brother of her grandfather William Thomas Cuppy. The old bible of William Thomas Cuppy gives quite a bit of data on the children of John Cuppy and his two wives: Fanny Bridwell and Mahala Lloyd. This bible record gives your grandfather's middle name as Morrison and it is also listed that way in the marriage records at Sullivan, Indiana. Some of the family have thought that it was Maurice but it would appear that he was called Morris to distinguish him from his father who was John Cuppy, Sr.

We do not have the complete records on your grandfather's family, that is, the birth dates of the children, who they married and where they settled, etc. We have a rather complete record of the other Cuppy families. I am enclosing two family record blanks which we have been using - one for old John Cuppy, and one for your grandfather. The one for your grandfather will indicate the data that is missing. We would like very much if you would send as complete a report on your grandfather's family as possible.

Up to the present time, we have found no evidence as to where old Aaron Cuppy came from when he first settled in Nelson County, Ky. If we get this evidence and can trace the family farther back that in Kentucky, I'll send you a report.

Yours truly,

Walter O Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 26, 1941.

Mr. John S. Cuppy,
553 West Second St.,
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Cuppy:

I was very happy to get your letter and comments on the tentative report on the Cuppy Family. I appreciate receipt of your own family data. As requested, I am sending additional forms. If you know of any additional information or clues on various branches of the Abraham and Susannah (Perrin) Cuppy family, I would be pleased to get them. It is data on the older generations that is most difficult to obtain.

I noted with interest that you served two years in the A.E.F. I put in over eighteen months in France with the 8th Field Artillery and received my commission as 2nd Lt while over there. My wife's two brothers, Hazlitt W. Cuppy and M. Thomas Cuppy were also in the A.E.F., having served as members of the Pennsylvania National Guard units. They were living at Columbia, Pennsylvania, at the time the war broke out. They are now living near Norristown, Pa.

You and Mrs. Cuppy haven't done as well as Mrs. Shriner and I in adding to the Cuppy Family roll. We have five children: (1) Zoe Marjorie, b. May 22, 1927, (2) Martha Belle, b. Aug. 14, 1929, (3) Sara Jane, b. Dec. 29, 1932, (4) Mary Virginia, b. Nov. 16, 1935, and (5) William Cuppy, b. Sept, 11, 1938. Of course, you folks got a boy and girl right off while the "law of averages" didn't work so well with us. Mrs. Shriner and I were both born in Indiana although her folks moved to Baltimore, Maryland, when she was two years of age. We both taught school in Cleveland, Ohio, before our marriage in 1924. She was born Nov. 24, 1899 while I appeared for my first breakfast on Nov. 1, 1895.

During the past year, I have been teaching ground school courses in aviation under the C.A.A. program here at the local college. I never entered the Army Reserve as I thought we had previously settled this war business. However, it certainly appears as if it may have to be done all over again.

Most cordially yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

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Dr. Walter C Spencer
I am ashamed to Write as
Your Letter to Me Dated
April 26 – 1941 got Misplaced
and only came to Light a
Short time ago. I have the
information you asked
found that Lizzie is your
parent Received it from
Some other Source my
father was Joseph he passed
away Dec 12 – 1937 at
Dunlap Ia – he had a twin
sister Anna or Rather
Rachel Anna Hawery she
passed away in 1916 I
will give you the List as
it should be as follows
John Hayden Death 1906
Kemp Ill.
Lettie Jane Jones " 1916
Brocton Ill

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Abraham · Kemp Ill · Deceased
William Fountain ''
Hindsboro Ill.
James Soloman · Mattoon Ill
Joseph My Father Deceased
Rachel Ann. '' ''
Ezra Elias Mattoon Ill ''
Isaac Alonzo · Deceased · he
had one Boy Name Issac
Emery who Lives in Des Moines
Ia. I am Named after
my Grandfather but Spell
my Name Maurice I also
have Hayden Cuppy's family
tree that is from his Son
Carter Cuppy Down to the
Present Did You Ever find
out where Aaron Cuppy
came from to Kentucky I
would Like to Know we
have a Branch of Cuppys

STORM LAKE, IOWA, ____________ 195__

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Living here in Iowa at Harlan Ia they came into to Iowa a long time before the civil war in about 1849. this old fellow that started this Part of the family Name was. Adam in fact he surveyed out Jasper County Iowa Rev Hayden Cuppy told me years ago that there was 3 Cuppys came to this Country William John. And Hemmiel that the Last Mentioned went back to settle an Estate and was never heard from after that I would appreciate any information you can give me. Sincerely Yours

James Maurice Cuppy

P.S. is Herb Shriner a Relative of Yours—

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
May 6, 1941.

Mrs. Natalie R. Fernald,
803 Taylor St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs Fernald:

I am delighted with the additional data on the Steele Family and its various branches. I note that you say there is still some credit. By-the-way, when you look up that 1860 Census Report for Davis County, Iowa, for William Rhoades and Martin Snoddy, also look for a John Rhoades who married Serilda Steele.

I would like for you to search the Jefferson County, Indiana, 1820 Census for all the McClelland families. They probably lived in the town of Madison.

I would also like the 1820 Census of Nelson County, Kentucky, traced for all Cuopy families, Bunch famlies, Lloyd families, and Bridges families.

I have considerable more of this work so do not hesitate to let me know when more money is due.

Very truly yours,

Walter O Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
May 29, 1941.

Mr. W. R. Felton,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Felton:

I have just received a letter from Mr. C. A. McGrew with information on the Cuppy Family which should be of considerable interest to you. As you may recall, I wrote some time ago that Mr. McGrew had promised to make a careful check on the Cuppy records at Steubenville, Ohio, the county seat of Jefferson County.

The will of "Abraham Cuppy" who died in Jefferson County, Ohio, on Nov. 3, 1840 and is buried at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, mentions a bequest to his daughter, Margaret Huffman. The marriage records of Jefferson County, Ohio, which begin with the year 1803, also record the marriage of Abraham Huffman to Margaret Cuppy on March 15, 1810. Hence, your wife is a descendant of the Abraham and Susanna (Perrin) Cuppy branch.

Mr. McGrew has promised to send me a complete copy of the Abraham Cuppy Will and I shall see that you also get a copy. The will also states that the third child of Abraham Cuppy, Sarah who was born May 10, 1791, was Sarah Taylor. Hence, we also know that she married a man by name of Taylor. The Jefferson County marriage records also show that the eldest daughter, Elizabeth, married Charles Noble on Aug. 15, 1811."

I should not be surprised but that Abraham Huffman's parents may also have settled in Jefferson County, Ohio. I do not know why it did not occur to Mr. McGrew to look for other family connections while he was examining the records at Steubenville.

Cordially yours,

Walter O. Shriner

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2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
March 12, 1942.

Mr. D. E. Cuppett, Atty at Law,
Miners & Merchants Bank Building,
Thomas, West Virginia.

My dear Mr. Cuppett:

I have uncovered an additional bit of data on the Cuppy-Cuppett Family that seems to definitely link your branch with John Cuppy and his wife, Margaret Parker. You will recall that John Cuppy, Jr., in his interview with Dr. Draper, stated that there were four boys in the family: (1) Daniel, (2) John, (3) Abraham, (4) and Henry. It was comparatively easy to track down the last three since they survived the parents and all settled in Ohio and Indiana. However, Daniel was not living at the time old John Cuppy, Sr., made his will. Heretofore, I have never found any trace of Daniel with only the indication of the extensive use of the name in your branch.

A few days ago, I came across the following "Query" which was published in the Boston Transcript Genealogical Section, dated 1937: (Query No. 3824)

"Who were the parents of Daniel Cuppet and his wife, Mary Arnold? Their son, Isaac Cuppett, born 1776, married Mary Altaugh, born 1788 in Frederick Co., Md. Another son, John Cuppett, born 1774, lived in West Va. Isaac lived in Bedford Co., Pa., where his son, David A. was born. M.E.L.C."

Without doubt, this is your family and shows that Daniel Cuppet married Mary Arnold. This should aid in tracing the family since she could be traced through the Arnold Family. Since Daniel Cuppet died in 1776 or '77, it is quite likely that his widow remarried.

I was told at the local Library, that the Boston Transcript has been discontinued. Hence, it will be difficult to contact that M.E.L.C. Do you suppose that could be the Eugene Cuppett who lives at New Paris, Pa.?

Another lead which I have uncovered comes through the 1820 U.S. Census Records for Nelson County, Ky. There were three Cuppy Families as follows:

1820 Nelson Co., Ky., p. 28
Aaron Cuppy 2 males under 10 years
2 males bet. 10 and 16
2 males bet. 18 and 26
1 male bet. 26 and 45 and 1 female
2 males over 45

1820 Nelson Co., Ky., p. 33
Aaron Cuppy 1 male under 10 and 1 female
3 males bet. 18 & 26
1 male over 45 & 1 female
2 females bet. 10 & 16
1 female bet. 16 & 26 farmers

1820 Nelson Co., Ky., p. 102
John Cuppy 2 males under 10
1 male bet. 10 and 16 & 2 females
1 male bet. 26 and 45
2 females bet. 10 & 16
1 female bet. 16 and 26
1 female over 45 farmer

I'll have to check the Kentucky Tax Records to find out all the names of these Cuppy men. The Deed and Marriage records of Nelson County, Ky., only show my Arron Cuppy as having become a permanent resddent in Nelson County, Ky. It may be that the others were passing through or were making a visit at the time.

Most truly yours,
Walter O. Shriner
Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
March 19, 1942.

Mr. Eugene Cuppett,
New Paris, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr Cuppett,

For several years I have been helping my wife, Mary Virginia Cuppy Shriner, in making a genealogical search for data on the Cuppy-Cuppett Family.

From data that we have collected, it seems that the projenitor of this family was one John Cuppy (1716-1802) and his wife, Margaret (Parker) Cuppy (c.1720-1817). They had a family of six children:

1. Daniel Cuppy (1752 - 1777) who married Mary Arnold and had three children: (1) John Cuppet, (2) Aaron Cuppy, and (3) Isaac Cuppett. Daniel Cuppy died when the children were extremely young and two of the sons grew to adulthood using the spelling Cuppet. John married Susanna Spahr and settled in Monongalia County, Va. Aaron married Ruth Elizabeth Bunch and settled in Nelson County, Kentucky. Isaac married Mary Albaugh and settled in Bedford Co., Pa., and is thought to have later pioneered in western Nebraska.

2. Elizabeth Cuppy (1755 -) no record

3. Sarah Cuppy (1758 -) married a Huffman

4. John Cuppy, Jr. (1761 -1861) married Elizabeth DeVore and had (1) Benjamin, (2) Anne, (3) Elizabeth, (4) Abraham, and then married Mrs. Lydia (Oilar) Russell and had three more sons (5) Henry, (6) Fletcher, and (7) John A. The records are rather complete on this branch.

5. Abraham Cuppy (1763- 1840) married Susanna Perrin and had ten children: (1) Elizabeth, (2) Margaret, (3) Sarah, (4) Anne, (5) John, (6) Mary, (7) William, (8) Abraham, (9) Perrin, and (10) Rachel. This branch also has rather complete records.

6. Henry Cuppy (c.1766 - 1833) married Sarah (last name not known) and he had eight children: (1) Daniel, (2) Mary, (3) Rebecca, (4) Thomas, (5) John, (6) James, (7) Abraham, and (8) Henry Harrison. This family record is rather complete.

Probably due to his early death, it is the Daniel Cuppy-Cuppett branch that is the most incomplete and most difficult to trace. I have had some correspondence with Atty D. E. Cuppett of Thomas, West Virginia, who is a descendant of John Cuppet, eldest son of Daniel Cuppy. My wife is a descendant of Aaron, the second son. Atty Cuppett gave me your name and address and I believe that he stated that you were a descendant of the son Isaac Cuppet.

I am wondering if you could send me what bible records or other data which you have on the family - I mean an account of the data and not the papers themselves. By pooling our information, we can perhaps fit all the facts together and get a complete record of the family.

I am interested in where Isaac Cuppet died since there is some evidence pointing to his having settled in western Nebraska in his later years. Do you have this information?

When I organize my data into the Cuppy-Cuppett Saga, I shall be glad to furnish you with a copy of same.

Most cordially yours,

Walter O. Shriner

New Paris, Pa.,
March 28, 1942.

Mr.Walter O.Shriner,
Terre Haute, Ind.

My dear relatives;

I received your very interesting letter of Mar.19, And will try to answer it. I have been trying to trace the Cuppy-Cuppett family too. I do not know from what source you obtained your information, but you have more of the early information about the family than I have. I have the first man as John but have his wife as Elizabeth Devore,which according to your record,she was the wife of John II.

I have Daniel as a son of John and being married to Mary Arnold, but I only have record of him having two children- John and Isaac. We never knew of AAron. It could be possible that John and Isaac came to Bedford Co.and Aaron went some where else, but John was born Dec.4, 1774 and Isaac was born Apr.9,1776 and if Aaron was the second child it would make them very close together, It could be possible. I am quite sure of these dates as I have been to their graves and got them from their tombstones.

As to the Isaac(My family) I have been spending a lot of time on it and have it pretty well traced down. I have about 90 family records on it with about 440 names. It would be a big job to copy all of these, if you would want them all.

John and Isaac came from York,Co.,Pa. near the Susquehanna River, to"Sprinkle town"- now Wolfsburg, Bedford Co. Pa.,March 9,1804. Isaac was 28 years old. He was a blacksmith by trade and kept tavern on the old Turnpike,running from Pittsburg to Philadelphia. About May 17, 1814, according to Deeds recorded at the Bedford Court house,(Book N.Page 160), he bought a farm on Chestnut Ridge(Near where I live), where he resided till his death,which was caused by being kicked by a horse. It is inscribed on his tombstone that,"He was a resident of Bedford Co. 59 years and 3 months. I have photographs of Isaac Cuppett and wife.

My father,John A.Cuppett,was very much interested in genealigy and handed down some very good records. He died very suddenly,Jan.13,1922, of heart trouble. It seems to be a "hobby"of mine also to collect records, and I have accumulated quite a number to his records.

The following is a record of the Isaac family:
Isaac Cuppett, born-Apr.9,1776 Died-June 9,1863
Mary M."Polly"Albaugh(Wife), Born-Apr.20,1788 Died-Nov.8,1867.

Children:

1.Nancy Ann	Born-May 4,1805	Died- Unknown	M. John Adams
2.David A.	" Apr.16,1808	" Dec.28, 1873	M. Elizabeth Mickle
3.Philip	" Nov.29,1810	" Oct. 4, 1898	M. Mary Jane Metsgar
4.Mary Ann	" Dec. 8,1813	" Unknown	M. John Sloan
5.Isaac Andrew	" Jun.16,1817	" Jul.26, 1885	M.Catharine Winand
6.William Wash.	" Sept.26,1820	" Apr. 2, 1900	M.(Susanna Taylor Anna Border
7.Elizabeth Ellen	" Jan 14,1823	" Sept.1, 1881	M. James Mc.Vicker
8.Charlotte D.	" Nov. 4,1828	" Dec.22, 1911	M. S.Franklin Mickle

Nancy Ann and Mary Ann married and went West and I have not been able to get any record of them. David A. went to Cresco,Iowa. A few years ago I secured some information from his great grand daughter, Muriel E.Luers,119-3rd.Ave.Cresco,Iowa.

The following is a record of William W.Cuppett family:

William W.Cuppett,	Born-Sept.26,1820	Died-Apr.2,1900
1st.Susanna Taylor	" Oct. 11,1821	" Mar.16,1856
2nd.Anna Border	" Jan. 14,1835	" mar. 9,1901

Children:

To second wife: Anna Border

1.John Albert	Born-Jan. 2,1858	Died-Jan. 13,1922	M.Bertha Irene Boyce
2.Franklin W.	" Dec. 26,1860	" Aug. 7,1932	M.Mallie E.Dobson
3.Harry D.	" Oct. 15,1863	" Oct. 10,1890	Not Married
4.Charles C.	" Aug. 19,1866	" Aug. 5,1936	M.Jennie C.Gephart
5.Samuel B.	" Aug. 26,1869	" Sept.25,1931	M.Ella Ringler
6.Mollie M.	" July 2,1873	(Living)	M.Harry Bisel

To first wife: Susanna Taylor

1.Eliza	Born-Jan. 27,1846	Died Apr. 19,1921	M.Jacob C.Shriner

I was wondering whether this Jacob C.Shriner might be a distant relative of yours. I have a number of old Shriner records if you would be interested. Jacob died Jan.20,1908. They had 2 children:

1.Ella	Born-Dec. 18,1869	(Living)	M.Wallace Shollenberger
2.Anna	" June 10,1874	"	M.Daniel Helman

Children of John Albert Cuppett(myfather)and Bertha Irene Boyce

1.Eugene Howard	Born-July 31,1887	(Living)	M.Juniata Blackburn
2.Wm.Carleton	" Aug. 21,1889	"	M.Alice Blackburn
3.Anna Irene	" May 28,1893	Died-May 30,1893	Not M.
4.Harold Boyce	" July 29,1894	(Living)	M.Margaret Suter
5.Joseph Boyce	" May 27,1897	"	M.Leora Hiner Mattie Miller
6.Ella May	" Sept.20,1900	Died-Nov. 26,1900	Not M.
7.Phoebe Elizabeth	" May 5,1902	" May 7,1902	" "
8.Edith Pearl	" Mar. 10,1904	" Mar. 10,1904	" "
9.John Alfred	" Mar. 12,1906	(Living)	" "
10.Charles Cecil	" Mar. 1.1910	"	M.Margaret Baker

Children of Eugene H.Cuppett and Juniata Blackburn:

1.George Marion	Born-Nov. 14,1910	(Living)	M.Anna Irene Smith
2.Eva Emily	" May 22,1917	"	M.Deane Oldham(No childr

Children of George Marion Cuppett & Anna Irene Smith:

1.Betty Louise	Born-Mar. 10,1929	(Living)	M. Not M.
2.Lois Jean	" Aug. 5,1930	"	"
3.Richard Lowell	" Dec. 28,1931	"	"

Children of Wm.Carleton Cuppett & Alice Blackburn:

1.William Boyce	Born-Mar. 5,1910	(Living)	M.Ethel Shaffer
2.Margaret Ruth	" Sept.14,1912	Died-Mar. 25,1934	Not M.(Killed in wrec
3.Mary Alice	" Aug. 28,1914	" July 7,1916	" " " by horse
4.Bertha Irene	" Mar. 5,1917	" Dec. 13,1918	" "
5.Dora Mae	" May 27,1918	" Oct. 6,1918	" "
6.Cornelia Kathl.	" May 16,1920	(LIving)	M.Richard Giles
7.John Blackburn	" Aug. 1,1921	"	Not M.
8.Sarah Louise	" May 20,1923	"	"
9.Dean Thomas	" July 11,1926	"	"
10,Helen Joyce	" Jan. 18,1929	"	"
11.Jo Ann Grace	" July 20,1932	"	"

Children of Harold Boyce Cuppett & Margaret Suter:

1.Rhoda Elsie	Born-Dec. 9,1919	(Living)	Not M.
2.Vera Elizabeth	" May 23,1923	"	"
3.Mary Irene	" July 1,1926	"	"
4.Dorris May	" May 27,1934	"	"

Children of Joseph Boyce Cuppett & Leora Hiner:

1.Paul Allen	Born-Nov. 27,1937	(Living)	Not M.

Children of Charles Cecil Cuppett & Margaret Baker:

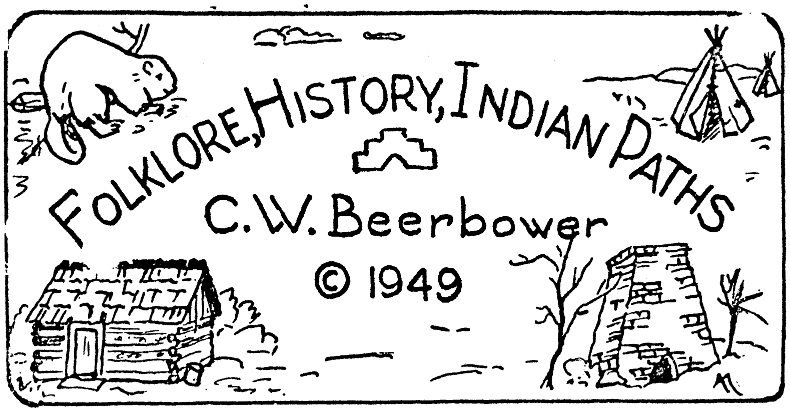
1.Phoebe Elizab.	Born-Apr. 22,1941	(Living)	" "

My father and his brother Samuel B. were the only ones that had children in the Wm.W.Cuppett & Anna Border family.

Are you positive as to the date of Daniels death ? My father has on his records that Daniel died when Isaac was six weeks old.Isaac was born Apr. 9,1776 and adding six weeks would make the date of his death May 21,1776. Do you have any trace of Mary(Arnold)Cuppett after Daniel died? My father has it that she married a man by the name of Walker. Well I suppose I have written enough for the first time. I am enclosing two of my blanks. If you can add anything to them would appreciate if you would do so, and mail back to me.

Yours. Cousin. Eugene H. Cuppett. (Over)

I have kind of figured it out that your wife and I may be third cousins. I may be wrong.



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Dr. Walter O Shriner,
2525 North Ninth St.,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mr Shriner! -

Your letter of april 24 received, and I am getting several pages of references typed by my daughter, which I will mail to you, as soon as they are returned to me

I am very glad to say that through my research of 30 years tracing the Beerbower Clan, and the connections, scattered from Maine to Florida + across the U. S. to the Pacific - I ran into the Stough family quite often -

We hope you can attend our Home Coming Reunion of the Beerbower - Cuppett Clans, which will be held some time in August -

Notices will be mailed about June 10

Very Sincerely
C. W. Beerbower

C. W. BEERBOWER
R. D. 1 [illegible]
NEW WILMINGTON, PA.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
TUCKER COUNTY

D.E.Cuppett
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MINERS & MERCHANTS BANK BUILDING
Thomas, West Virginia
Parsons, West Virginia

August 19,1947.

Walter O.Shriner,

Terra Haute,Ind.

Dear Doctor Shriner:

I received your letter of January 10,1947 and your enclosed report of the Cuppett familes as of January 1,1947 for which I thank you very much.I would have answered the same sooner but unfortunately suffered a rather sevre head injury from a fall and had to undergo five weeks of hospitalization and just recent have been able to get back to considerable unfinsihed work .

I feell sure you have gievn a great amount of time to the preparation of this work for which you are to be commended.So far as I can know and judge rfom reading it and the information I have of the Cuppetts,you have pretty well covered the subject so far as is reliable information is obtainable.

Later if it would be of any value I could furnish rather complete informationof the names and possibly the ages of the grandchildren of the sons and daughters of our John Cuppett. I also have a picture of the stone house he built in the Glades and which was locally knwon as "the Old Stone Tavern",as he had a tavern there is the days when the first then good roard was buitythru Preston County.

This house was burned some forty five years ago but I remember it quite well.

We are having a get together of our immediate family,the Alpheus Cuppett family,this coming Sunday and I shall be glad to show them your report as I know it will be of interest.

Due to the fact that the old court house of Monongalia County from which Preston was formed in 1818,valaable records were destroyed, and then the Preston County court house burned in 1867,so there was another great loss of records.

With best wishes to you and yours,and again thanking you for a copy of your report,I am,

Most sincerely,

D.E.Cupett,
Thomas,W.Va.

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1 Enclosure.

John Cuppy,Cuppett) 111 and Susannah Spahr,
Sometimes spelled "Spaw".

Children,wives and husbands of the above are

(1) Elizabeth cuppett,b.may 6,1797,died _____?
Maried Thomas Adams date of whose birth and death unknown.
They lived on a part of the 1280 tract owned by John Cuppy,Cuppett, in what is known as the Glades,and is yet known as the "Adams Farm".
(2)Susannah Cuppett,b.1799 d1858.
Married Abraham Otto,Nov.9,1920 in Bedford County,Pa.
I have a photostat copy of the marriage record.
No record of when husband died;they moved to Preston County,Va.
(3)John Cuppett,b June 5,1802 - d.1871.
Married (1 Mary A.Wolfe,(2) Rachel Fisher.
(4) Daniel Cuppett b.July 6,1804,d 1846.) my grdndparents.
Married Mary Scott,b 1802 d.1847.)
(5) Jacob Cuppett,bApril 3,1806 d.1892.
Married Eva J?Fearer,b 1801,d 1888.
(6) Margaret Cuppett,b.1808,d *****?
Married Jacob Cress,B----? d ------ ?
(7)Mary Cuppett,b.1810 d May 20,1889.
Married John Scott,b 1807 d.April 17,1861 at Richmond Va.*
(8) Lucy Ann Cuppett,b.Aug.~~12~~ 24,1812, d.1870.
Married Peter Garlock.
(9) Sarah Cuppett,bAugust 24,1812,--- d ?
Married Joseph Frankhouser.
Note Lucy Ann and Sarach were twins.
(10) Esther Cuppett,b July 24,1814,---D.?
Married Henry Garlock.
(11),Henry Cuppett,b Aug.161816 d.1851.
Married Drusilla Smith.
(12) Julia Cuppett,b 1821 d.1907.
Married Francis Hauger.

Note.-Most of the above data as to births and deaths are taken from the old John Cuppett Family Bible and from which they were copied.I have tried in vain to get this Bible which is yet in existence.

My grandfather,Daniel Cuppett,married as you will note Mary Scott, and his sister Mary Cuppett,married John Scott so there is a double relationship.John Scott died in Richmond,Va,April 17,1861,the day Fort Sumpter was fired on.He served six terms as a member of the Virginia Assembly and was a member at his death,the Assembly then being in session. The Garlocks emigranted to Missouri prior to the War between the States and at least three of the sons were in the Union Army. A.J.Garlock was a captain in a Missouri Regiment.The Garlocks located at or near Kirksville,Mo.Aslo some of the Ottos at the same place, the descendants of Susan and Abraham Otto.

The above dates as given are authentic.

Politically in W.Va most of the Cuppets were either Whigs or later Republicans.Old John helped to build a log cabin which took part in the memorable camapign of 1840,and named one of his grandchildren Henry Harrison,an uncle of mine,for the hero of Tippecanoe.
Seven of his grandsons were in the Union Army and one in the Confederate.

D.E.Cuppett
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MINERS & MERCHANTS BANK BUILDING
Thomas, West Virginia

May 12,1942.

Dr.Walter O.Shriner,
Terra Haute,Ind.

Dear Doctor Shriner:

I thank you for yours of May 5th and enclosures. The blank which you enclosed as to the family of John Cuppett 111 I have filled out and am returning the same to you.So far as it goes I am sure it is complete and accurate.You will note that he had a large family,(12).The dates of birth are correct as my father, many years ago had these names and dates copied from the John Cuppett old family Bible.The death dates as given are correct as shown by grave stones and other information I have received from their immedate kinfolk.The date deaths which I do not have are of of daughters who married and went to Missouri prior to the War between the States and settled near Kirksville.Mo.

I want to thank you for the copy of the will of John Cuppy-Cuppet,1.It is an interesting document and just about as such wills were written at that time.He seemed to disappear from all records in Hampshire County.I think I can understand the why of this.His son.John 11,as a soldier of the Revolution,saw much of his service in the W.Va.Panhandle of now W.Va.and in Ohio,as Dr. Draper records,and must have been impressed with the country and probably induced his father to sell his Hampshire land and join him in that region.

I find from the records of Monongalia County,Va.in the survey books that John 1,sold the patent rights he had acquired in 1767 to one David Frazee,April 24,1781.Survey Record Book 1.page 40, so John 1 was yet living in Virgina at that date as the record shows a Virgina sale as of that date.

The lands that John Cuppet afterward acquired were conveyed to him by his father in law,Frederick Spahr and joined the lands of the original patent to John 1 of 1767.Spahr is stated in the deed to be from York County,Pa.but he afterward came to Virginia,Monongalia, now Preston County and acquired these lands,1283 acres in all.

There is no doubt but that John 111 and Isaacewre brothers, as Isaac's son David A.visited his relatives in W.Va.in the later years of his life,among them my father,and gave them the history of his father's,Isaac's family so far as he knew it.My father told me many years ago of this visit.My youngest uncle,Isaac Cuppett, who died as a prisoner of war at Sndersonville wax named for his granduncle,Isaac.

I shall deeply apprecaite if when you get your former account of the Cuppy-Cuppett families revised to have a copy of it and if I get any further information of possible value,shall forward it to you.I trust that we may be able to get as far as possible an accurate record that may be of some value to those who follow and may be interested.From John 11 down I have a rather complete record. With personal regards,I Am,

Most sicerely yours,

D E Cuppett

Bad typing - the stenog is out today.

D.E.Cuppett
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MINERS & MERCHANTS BANK BUILDING
Thomas, West Virginia

April 29,1942.

Dr.Walter O.Shriner,
Terre Haute,Ind.

Dear Dr.Shriner:

I want to thank you very much for your letter of March 12th and the information it contained on the Cuppy-Cuppett Family.I think it clears up very definitely the matter of which we had never been able to establish so as to go back to John Cuppy 1.

We once had some information that our Pennsylvania ascestor was Abraham as an old grain sack was once found that worked into the initials ".A.Cuppy".However that was not at all conclusive and he might easily have had such a sack that may have belonged to Abraham.

Your information tallies with what we have from the Bedford County branch. I have met a number of them at various times,and there is no question but that John 111,my great grandfater and Isaac were brothers, John having come to Virginia,(now W.Va),about 1800.Also Isaac visited him there and also David A.They spoke of the others,so my father told,me as having gone west and settled there which would mean Abraham,John 11, and Henry. The name was originally Cuppy and some of the older people in W.Va.called them that;I do not know just when the spelling of the name was changed but must have been around 1800 or a little later as the deed of John 111 had it written Cuppet~~t~~ and later some one the other "t" to it.

Another matter I ran across some few years back about John 11 and which I do not think Dr.Draper mentioned was that he,John 11,laid out the town of New Cumberland,W.Va.on the banks of the Ohio River,sold off some lots and it was then named "Cuppy Town".I saw this when the town celebrated its centenary.Also that he was granted a franchise by the Virginia A ssembly to establish a ferry across the Ohio about that time.

I shall try to get some further information about Daniel which I feel sure will confirm what you have written me.The Bedford kin knew that he married Mary A rnold and that Isaac married Mary Albaugh,all of which fits in. I think it must have been Eugene who made the inquiry you quote. I have met him a number of times.

I did not know that old John the first made a will.Where did you get this information and do you have a copy of it.I should like very much to have a copy if obtainable.I once seahced the reords of Hampshire County but did not find it there,but since some of the records there were destryed in the War Between the States it may have been lost or destroyed,or it may be my search was not complete,or might he have gone to Ohio with his sons. I have quite a mass of accumulated information which covers the line down to the present,and now that Daniel is located hope to complete it.If I do not get it done my oldest son who is County Superintedent Schools and majored in history at our University for both his A.B.and A.M.will help me with it. Aagain thanking you for this most valuable information,I am,

Sincerely yours,

D. E. Cuppett
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MINERS & MERCHANTS BANK BUILDING
Thomas, West Virginia

February 19, 1941

Dr. Walter O. Shriner,
Terre Haute, Indiana,

Dear Dr. Shriner:

I received your letter of January 10, 1941 and read the same with much interest; it contained some information I did not have and which I duly appreciate.

For some years past I have been interested in getting whatever information I could, reliable or otherwise, concerning the Cuppett-Cuppy families and have accumulated considerable material about the same. Some of this coincides very well with what you have sent me.

I do not recall just exactly what I wrote in 1937 to W. R. Felton of Sioux City, Iowa and do not have a copy of my letter to him at this time, but since that time have obtained some very definite information which I did not then have.

I am enclosing a abstract, with comments on the same, and trust that it may be of some value to you in your research work. I assure you that I shall be pleased to co-operate with you in any way I can along these lines. With personal regards I am

Most Truly yours,

D. E. Cuppett

DEC:LG
Enclosure 1.

Cuppett-Cuppet Families

The Name

There is in my mind no question but that this name is of German origin and was originally spelled Cuppy. As convincing proof of this I know of a German Bible which once belonged to my grest-grandfather; also he had two Bibles, one written in German and the other in English. He spoke both languages very well and could also read them. I also once saw a contract which he had written in German.

The spelling of the name has somewhat changed. Originally it was Cuppy, and then changed to Cuppet, and the second "t" was not added until some 50 years ago. My great-grandfather, John Cuppet (1774-1855), always wrote it with one "t" and it is so written on his grave marker at Glade Farms, Preston County West Virginia. This grave marker which is still there and very legible so shows and also states on it that he was a member of the Luthern Church. His wife was Susannah Spahr, "Spaw" and she was from York County Pa. (1780-1865). She is buried by the side of her husband and both graves are well marked with grave markers, giving the above dates. I think there can be no doubt that my great-grandfather, John Cuppet, 3 was a grand-son of John Cuppy 1 who emmigrated to what is now the United States from Germany about 1750 or it may be earlier.

THE ANCESTORS, JOHN CUPPY.

I notice you are familar with Drapers story which ~~I~~ he received from John Cupp y Sr. who was then a very old man. I have also read this story, and it may be that on account of his old age he did not get everything correct. From the investigation I have made I am fairly certain that John Cuppy I did have a son named Daniel Cuppy who did not go with him to Hampshire County Virginia in 1763, and did not go with the other branches of the family to Ohio County about 1794. The family records show that of Bedford County that Daniel Cuppy lived and spent his life in Pa. To confirm this my grandfather Daniel Cuppet seemed to have been named for his grandfa ther, and I also had an uncle who was also named Daniel, so it seems that the family name went down from one genera tion to another, My father Alpheus Cuppett told me at different times when I was quite young that the name of his great-grandfather was Daniel Cuppy, and I also saw records from Eugene Cuppett who lives at New Paris Pa which confirms this opinion. It is quite likely that Daniel the son of John Cuppy Sr. was his oldest son. The records seem to show, so far as I can find out, that Daniel had at least two sons, John III and Isaac Cuppett, and there may be, a son named Aaron. Isaac Cuppett was the youngest child (1776-______), left a number of descendants in Bedford County Pa, some of whom I know. Their records show that there father Daniel died when Isaac was only six weeks of age, so that it would seem that Daniel died at an early age not later than 1777. I am satisfied that there was in our branch an Aaron Cuppy, since I have been told ~~permissione~~d some where in York County Pa there was an old grain sack which had on it the name of "A. Cuppy".

I have examined some of the records in Hampshire County, Va-W.Va., especially Deed Book I Page 318 which was shews the place from Benjamin Parker to John Cuppy for 227 acres on Mill Creek Drains and copied this deed. The survey of this tract was made by David Vance and I had no difficulty in locating this land which is near the town of Romney and is a fine area of land. This was a part of the original Fairfax Grant and was a leased for 100 years and provided that the rent for the same should be "I pepper Corn" to be paid every year. You may be familar with the Fairfax Grant which King Charles II gave to Lord Fairfax which grant covered a considerable part of Va. and what is now W. Va. After the Revolutionary War the Virginia Assembly confiscated all of the rights in this grant, as Lord Fairfax was a Loyalist. I made an effort to find if I could the grave of John Cuppy I but was unable to do so and since I received your letter can understand why since it seems he died in Brooke County Va. in 1802 . I feel certain that his wife was Margaret Parker Cuppy as the deed shows, and her name was not De Vore as Drapers records might show and I am also satisfied that Benjamin Parker was the father-in-law of John Cuppy Sr. I also found from the records in Hampshire County that John Cuppy Sr. bought other land in Hampshire County, a tract of 300 acres from James Mercer and John Lewis August 16, 1787, Deed Book 8 Page 500, and possibly owned other lands in Hampshire County.

I have also examined the records of Monongalia County Va.W.Va. and find that John Cuppy Sr. had a patent on certain lands in that county, now Preston County W. Va. for a tract of land and that he had made a settlement on it in 11769 and sold his settlement rights to the same to Ephriam Frazee in 1781, so it appears that John Cuppy Sr. owned lands in at least two counties of what is now W. Va.

John Cuppett (Cuppy) the III came to what was then Monongalia County Va. (now W. Va.) about 1800, got titles from his father-in-law Fredrick Spahr, for about 1200 acres of land, built a large stone house on it and maintained all of this until his death in 1855. Some time before his death he divided his land among his four sons John IV Daniel Jacob and Henry, as he thought were equal shares. The great majority of this land is still in the hands and owned by the Cuppetts in Preston County W. Va. I do not know much about the Cuppett branch in Bedford County Pa., but do know they are a descendants and they and we all came from the same branch or stem.

From the records I think that there is no doubt but that, on our branch, we go back to the original ancestors, John Cuppy I, and also believe that your wife's line may have the same origin.

If there is anything further you want to know I might be able to give you I shall be very much pleased to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

D. E. Cuppett

DEC:LG
Enc. 1.

FAMILY HISTORY
(Separate Report for each married Member of Family)

I. Name John (First) ______ (Middle) Cuppet (Last).
Born Probably (Twp. or Town) Monongalia (County) Virginia (State) Dec. 4, 1774 (Date).
Died ______ Preston Virginia Aug. 20, 1855.

II. Married ______ (Twp. or Town) ______ (County) ______ (State) ______ (Date).
To(Name) Susanna (first) ______ (Middle) Spahr (Last).
Born ______ (Twp. or Town) York (County) Pennsylvania (State) 1780 (Date).
Died ______ Preston Virginia 1865.

III Children born to the above:

	(First Name)	(Middle name)	(Birth date)	(Death date)
(1)	John		June 5 1802	1882
(2)	Daniel		July 6 1804	1849
(3)	Jacob		Apr 3, 1806	1892
(4)	Henry		Aug 7, 1816	1851
(5)	Elizabeth		May 2, 1797	1860
(6)	Susan		Nov 16, 1799	1871
(7)	Catherine		May 11 1808	?
(8)	Mary		May 20, 1810	1888
(9)	Sarah		Aug 4, 1812	?
(10)	Esther		July 24, 1814	?
(11)	Lucy	Ann	Sept 4. 1818	?
(12)	Julia		Apr 26, 1821	1894

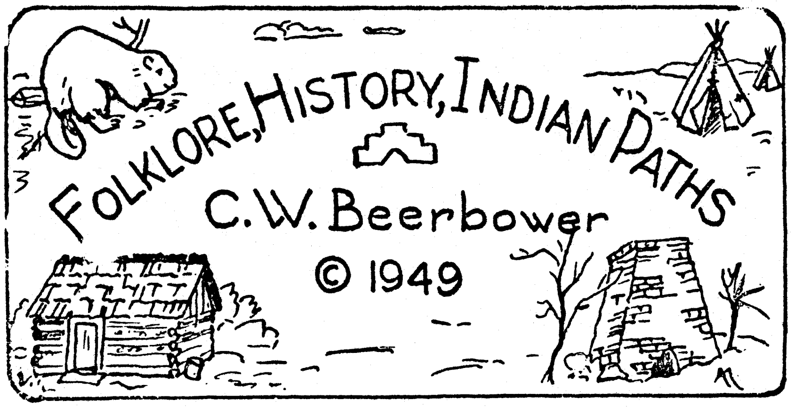
IV. Remarks: (Education, vocation, church affiliation, places of residence, public office, military service, burial place, etc.)

John Cuppet was not born in Virginia as he did come to Virginia until about 1800; he was probably born in either Bedford Co. or York, Pa. where his father Daniel was then living. His wife, Susanna was from York Co. He had a fair education for the time and wrote a very legible hand; He was both farmer and blacksmith; built an 8 room stone house (1808) in Virgina and for a time kept a tavern on the Morgantown turnpike; Owned 1283 acres of land ther(Preston then Monongalia County) which he divided among his four sons; He resided here until his death, 1855. Was one of the founders of the Lutheran Church at this place and an elder in it; built the first school house in this community, a log structure; He and his wife are buried at Glade Farms, W.Va on a part of the land he owned. Both graves are suitable marked.

It follows that his brother Isaa~~c~~, was also born in Pensylvania and never lived in Virginia.

V. Names of the parents of the above (first named) individual:

(1) Father Daniel (First) ______ (Middle) Cuppy (Last).
(2) Mother Mary ______ Arnold.



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Dr Walter O Shriner
2525 North Ninth St,
Terre Haute,
Ind.

Dear Mr. Shriner:.

I am enclosing an invitation to the Beerbower—Cuppett Home Coming Aug 26-

Since I last wrote you, May 27- 1950 there has been published a little booklet entitled "Aurora Community" which was sponsored by "The Farm Women's club of Aurora, West Virginia, and dedicated to Elizabeth Hagnemyer Stough and the other pioneer mothers of the Aurora Community

The Author Dr Martin Luther Peter was born in Corydon, Ind, Jan 1865- died in Dayton O. 1943- was pastor of St. Pauls' Lutheran church 1918-1923- This is the church that was founded by John Stough in 1787-

The history is not complete as it only covers from his marriage in Hagerstown Md and his work in Va.

You can obtain a copy from the Sec. of The Farm Women's club
Aurora, W.Va.

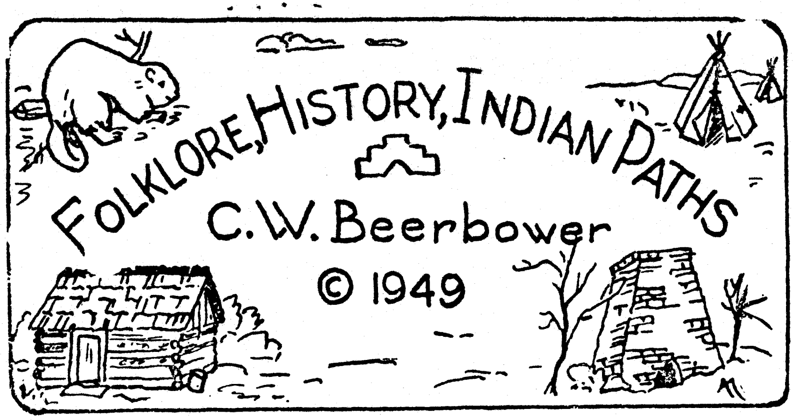
over

the price is 1.04 post paid.

Do you have the Cuppett history ready for publication?

We hope to publish sketches of the pioneer families of the Virginia Glades in a booklet if we can secure subscriptions in advance so as to cover all expenses of publication.

Very sincerely
C. W. Beerbower
R2 - New Wilmington
Pa



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Dr Walter O. Shriner
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Terre Haute,
Indiana.

Dear Mr Shriner:- I received your address through my old friend Hon. D. E. Cuppett, Thomas, W.Va.

Mr. Cuppett states you are presently engaged in preparing your history of the Cuppett family-

I was reared in the Virginia glades. and knew several of the older members of the family, and just recently examined the maps in the New Castle Library, showing grants of land in Fayette Co. Pa in Wharton + Henry Clay townships.

I hope you can get your history out for our home coming in august 1950, sponsored by the Beerbower-Cuppett Clans

Very sincerely
C. W. Beerbower

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New Wilmington, Pa.
April 7–1953

Dr. Walter O. Shriner
Indiana State Teachers College
Terre Haute,
Indiana.

Dr Mr Shriner:- I am writing you concerning the Cuppett and Staugh Genealogy–
We have been meeting at Glade Farms, W.Va and have discussed the possibility of a published booklet covering the early pioneer families of the "Virginia Glades"- now the Glade Farms W.Va.- locality-
Mr. D.E. Cuppett Jr. Petersburg, W.Va is anxious to get the Cuppett record published
He is the son of D.E. Cuppett Sr.- Thomas W.Va
May I hear from you in regard to the matter?

Very truly
C.W. Beerbower
New Wilmington
W.Va.-

P.S. The Sec for the Cuppett Family is given on the enclosed card
C.W.B.

2525 North Ninth St.,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 7, 1942.

Mr. Eugene H. Cuppett,
New Paris, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Cuppett:

I have your letter of March 28th and was very happy to get the additional information on the Daniel Cuppy-Cuppett branch of the family. Just after writing you the first time, I received a report on the Cuppys living in Nelson County, Kentucky, at the time of the 1820 U.S. Census. I had asked for this information for the purpose of gaining additional information on the Aaron Cuppy family. On several occasions in the past, I have searched the records at Bardstown, Kentucky, and it was never evident that any other Cuppy but Aaron (1775-1822) Cuppy had settled there. You can imagine my surprise when the 1820 U.S. Census Report came to me stating that three Cuppy heads of families were in Nelson County, Kentucky, in 1820 as follows:

1. Aaron Cuppy with p. 28
   2 males under 10
   2 males between 10 & 16
   2 males between 18 & 26
   1 male between 26 & 45 and 1 female
   2 males over 45 and 3 others

2. Aaron Cuppy with p. 33
   1 male under 10 and 1 female
   3 males bet. 18 and 26
   2 females between 10 & 16
   1 female between 16 and 26
   1 male over 45 and 1 female farmers.

3. John Cuppy with p. 102
   2 males under 10
   1 male bet. 10 & 16 and 2 [illegible]
   2 females bet. 10 and 16
   1 female bet. 16 and 26
   1 male bet. 26 and 45
   1 female over 45 farmer

Well, you can imagine how this information completely flabergasted me. I am rather certain that the second Aaron Cuppy in the list is my wife's great-great grandfather. The family under him includes his eldest son, John, who had married and had a wife and a small son and daughter. The John Cuppy with large family is probably a brother of Aaron No. 2. The first Aaron Cuppy is probably the head of the whole outfit and has sons and daughters living with him. By making a study of the Kentucky Tax Lists around 1820, I can get a list of the Cuppy men over 21 and also find when they entered and when they left Nelson County.

I do not believe, however, that any of these Cuppys were long in Nelson County, Kentucky, except Aaron Cuppy Jr or they would have left some form of record on file at the county seat. This, by the way, practically eliminates Aaron (1775-1822) Cuppy as being one of the sons of Daniel and Mary (Arnold) Cuppy.

The birthdates of Daniel's two sons, John and Isaac, also tend to eliminate that possibility. The Cuppy Bible record which we have states that Aaron Cuppy died December 12, 1822, aged 47 years. He would have been 48 by Dec. 12, 1822 even had he been a twin of John Cuppet, and there was only about 16 months between John Cuppet and Isaac Cuppett.

When I began to work with my wife on the Cuppy genealogy some years ago, we traced her family back to Aaron Cuppy in Nelson County, Kentucky, and there we were left in the air. Then, on going through all of the 1790 U.S. Census Records (First U.S. Census), we found only John Cuppy, Sr., and John Cuppy, Jr., listed and they were in Hampshire County, Virginia. The Virginia Records are not complete but these early John Cuppys gave us a lead. It then became a matter of running John Cuppy, Sr., down in an effort to trace his descendants. We traced him from Hampshire County, Virginia, to Brooke Co., Virginia (now West Virginia) where we found his will. However, he did not name his children in the will, merely named his wife and two sons as executors. I then traced both these sons for their children. Then I came across Henry Cuppy in Clermont County, Ohio, and his family which later settled in Wayne Co., Indiana. About this time, I contacted Mr. C. A. McGrew at Crafton, Pa., who had rather complete records on the Abraham Cuppy branch. Through him, I learned of Mr. W.R. Felton of Sioux City, Iowa, who was interested in the John Cuppy, Jr., branch. However, when we pooled our combined findings, we discovered that Mr. Felton belonged to the Abraham Cuppy branch and not the John Cuppy, Jr., branch. Mr. Felton contributed greatly to the analysis due to his having secured the Draper manuscripts which contained "Draper's interviews with John Cuppy, Jr." just before the later's death. However, John Cuppy, Jr., was almost 100 years old at the time and his information conflicted where he reviewed various former statements. "Squire" Henry Cuppy, son of John Cuppy, Jr., gave several reports on the Cuppy Family for publication but his reports differ greatly from those previously made by his father. He even failed to get a correct list of his own brothers and sisters - hence his reports need to be taken with caution. However, he does list his Uncle Daniel as having been older that John Cuppy, Jr., while John Cuppy, Jr., listed his brother Daniel as being younger. It is quite evident that Daniel Cuppy was older by nearly 10 years.

While neither John Cuppy, Jr., nor his son Henry ever listed another brother by the name of Aaron, I am beginning to believe there was such a son of old John Cuppy, Sr. However, I must first endeavor to trace Aaron Cuppy, Sr., who either came to Kentucky from New Jersey or western Virginia.

Do you have any substantial evidence that Daniel Cuppy actually lived in York County, Pa.? I had Dr. Henry Young of the Historical Society of York County make a special study of the early Cuppy-Cuppett families in York County. He has a very complete library available on York County records and he found no trace of the family in York County. I also had the State Library at Harrisburg run the Tax Lists for Daniel Cuppy or Cuppet and they found no record. Your Isaac Cuppet in Bedford County was the first record they found. That makes me think that Daniel settled in either Maryland or western Virginia, probably Monongalia County where his father took out a patent on land as early as 1769, and about the time the elder sons were reaching adulthood.

I got my first lead on Mary Arnold as the wife of Daniel Cuppy-Cuppet from a Boston Transcript Genealogy Query dated Mar. 27, 1937. It was signed by M.E.L.C., who I think must have been a descendant through David A. Cuppett. I was very glad to get that clue that Daniel's widow married a Walker. By-the-way, there were Devore, Arnold, and Walker families in Kentucky near Aaron Cuppy around 1800. Most of those families had come from New Jersey through southern Pennsylvania and northern Virginia. I'll check on them.

The Boston Transcript Query also stated that Isaac Cuppett married Mary Albaugh, born 1738 in Frederick Co., Maryland. This interested me because my early ancestor, Henry Shriner, married Mary Barbara Bucher in Frederick Co., Maryland and Major Zachariah Albaugh married Anna Margaret Bucher(sister) in Frederick County, Md. Zachariah Albaugh was born in Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, in 1758 and after the Revolution, he took his family west into western Pennsylvania and finally settled in Licking County, Ohio, where he died Nov. 9, 1859. It occurred to me that Isaac Cuppett may have married one of Zachariah and Anna Margaret (Bucher) Albaugh's daughters. I do not have a complete record of this family but the 1790 Census shows them with two daughters between 16 and 26. There were 5 boys and 1 girl still younger.

I am enclosing herewith a preliminary analysis on the John Cuppy Family which I made last year to help enlist others in assembling and pooling data. Considerable parts of it have been found faulty, yet there is little use in rewriting the same until some of these lately discovered items have been checked. Hope you find it of some use and interest.

Yours truly,
Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth St.,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
May 5, 1942.

Atty D. E. Cuppett,
Miners & Merchants Bank Bldg.,
Thomas, West Virginia.

Dear Mr. Cuppett:

Since I last wrote you in March, I have contacted Mr. Eugene Cuppett at New Paris, Pennsylvania. While it was not his branch of the Isaac Cuppett Family who had made the genealogical query through the "Boston Transcript", yet it must have come through another branch of the Isaac Cuppett Family.

Mr. Eugene Cuppett sent me a rather complete sketch of the Isaac Cuppett family and it begins to appear that there is little question but that your John Cuppet (1774-1855) and his Isaac Cuppett (1776-1863) were brothers. I may have told you that I had a thorough search of the records of York County, Pennsylvania, made for any trace of Cuppy-Cuppett Families there by Dr. Henry Young of the York County Historical Society. Dr. Young found no trace of the family. Hence, it appears to me that after Daniel Cuppy died and his widow Mary (Arnold) Cuppy had remarried a man by the name of Walker, that the Walkers settled in York County. Hence, John and Isaac were brought up under the Walker roof and that would also account for the fact that they arrived at adult age with a slight difference in the spelling of the name.

Also, since I wrote you in March, I have discovered through the 1820 Census Records for Nelson County, Kentucky, that there were several Cuppy families there besides my Aaron Cuppy. There was an Aaron Cuppy, Sr., with a large family of adult children living with him; also my Aaron Cuppy Jr., and a John Cuppy with a family about the size and age of that of Aaron Cuppy, Jr. Since my Aaron Cuppy Jr was born in 1775, it would appear that Aaron Cuppy Sr. might have been born about 17750. This Aaron Cuppy, Sr., may have been the A. Cuppy whose grain sack you have heard about. In the court records at Bardstown, Kentucky, there is nothing to be found on these other families which the 1820 census shows to have been there. However, I shall check the tax records for those years and thus find out just when they came to Kentucky and when they left. It is probable that they soon moved on to some other section. Through the tax records, I shall also get the names of all the Cuppy men.

Just about the time I think I have finally gotten this Cuppy Family line all straightened out, then some other data comes to light and shows it is still somewhat complicated. However, it begins to appear that your line is pretty well established. There is a possibility that your Daniel Cuppy was killed in the early service with the Virginia Militia during the Revolution. You might well try to find out about the Walker who married Daniel's widow. It was either the Walkers who settled in York County, Pa., or the two boys made their home with some of the Arnold relatives.

By-the-way, the John A. Cuppy who laid out the town of New Cumberland in Hancock County, W. Virginia, was a grandson of John Cuppy, II. John Cuppy I, and John Cuppy II settled there after leaving Hampshire County, Virginia, but it was first a part of Ohio County, and then a part of Brooke County. It was Brooke County at the time of John Cuppy I's death - hence John Cuppy I left his will at Wellsburg. I am enclosing a copy of old John Cuppy I's will. His wife, Margaret (Parker) Cuppy, died a few years later and her estate administration record is also on file at Wellsburg.

I am enclosing some family forms which give data on Daniel Cuppy and Isaac Cuppett Families. I am also enclosing a form for your John Cuppet Family which is far from complete. Would you fill out the John Cuppet form and return it to me?

Two years ago, I wrote out a thirteen page account of the Cuppy family, giving what data I had been able to secure. Since then, I have obtained so much additional information that I hesitate to send out any of those early reports. I shall revise the reports and when I get a few more details cleared up, I think it will become more clear. When I get this revised report written, I'll send you a copy.

If, in the meantime, I find any pertinent data that fits into the outline, I shall write you. Thanks for all the clues and information that you have already sent. By combining our data, we can hope to get a valid history of the family.

Most cordially yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
May 14, 1942.

Dir. Henry J. Young,
Historical Society of York County,
225 East Market Street,
York, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Young:

You may recall having made a search for me on early Cuppy - Cuppett families which were supposed to have been in York County.

Some additional clues have come to my attention which may account for no trace of them having been found in the usual court records.

According to two branches of the family, Daniel Cuppy married Mary Arnold about 1773 and Daniel Cuppy died on May 21, 1776. This death may have occurred in Virginia. Daniel Cuppy left two sons as follows:

(1) John , born Dec. 4, 1774
(2) Isaac, born Apr. 9, 1776

After the death of Daniel Cuppy, the widow married a man by the name of Walker and the two boys were brought up along the Susquehannah River in York County. It is quite possible that the step-father settled there.

The son, Isaac Cuppy, took the name Isaac Cuppett and he married Mary Albaugh about 1803 (supposedly in York County) and on March 9, 1804 he took his bride to Sprinkle Town, now Wolfsburg, Bedford County, Penna., where he resided the rest of his life. His tombstone states that he was a resident of Bedford County for 59 years and 3 months - he died June 9, 1863.

The son, John Cuppy, took the name John Cuppet and he married Susanna Spahr, daughter of Frederick Spahr, in York County, Pa., about 1796. John Cuppet and his father-in-law left York County about 1808 and settled in Monongalia County (now Preston Co., W. Va.) where they owned a vast tract of land. They were strict Lutherans at the time and it has occurred to me that through Frederick Spahr's location in York County, the Lutheran Church records of that York County section might reveal the marriages of both John Cuppet and his brother Isaac Cuppett.

In Lancaster County Lutheran Church Records, the parents of both the groom and bride were often named. That would be almost too much to hope for - but it would be a tremend~~u~~ous find if it were found in this case.

Any assistance you might be able to give in the case of these two Cuppet boys would be greatly appreciated.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Dr. Walter O. Shriner

Jan. 1, 1943

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cuppy:

Thank you so much for the very nice Christmas Card. I do wish I had known about you before my transfer- should have liked to have had a visit.

I am now Principal Chief nurse at the hospital here- arrived on the 14th of December. Was recruitment nurse in Los Angeles for eight months.

My father is William Bismark Cuppy. He was born in Missouri and has lived at Hobart, Oklahoma since 1901. My grandfather was Thomas Ward Cuppy. I am sending your card home to see if daddy has more information. It is true there are very few families named Cuppy - and since I have no brothers, our family name will end with us.

Thank you again for writing - I hope to hear from you again.

Sincerely.
Mary Katherine Cuppy

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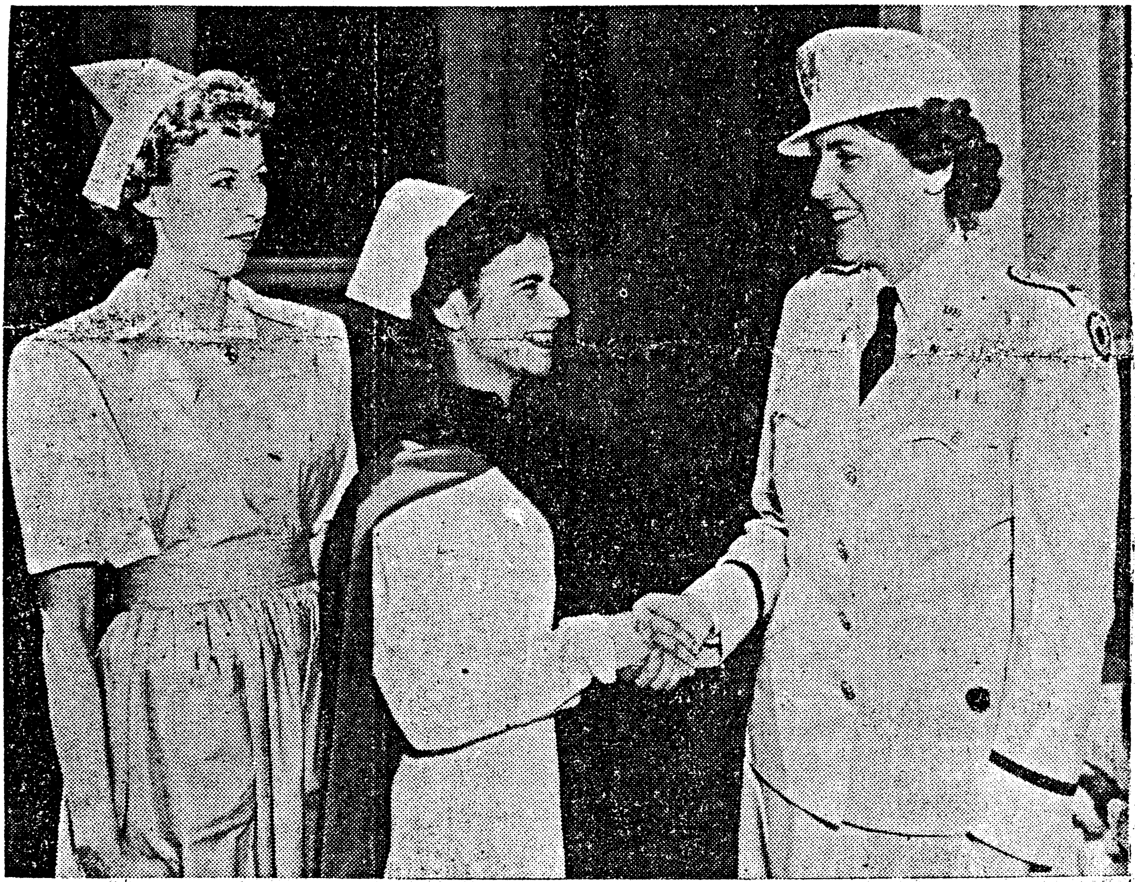

NURSE TO ENTER MILITARY SERVICE—Miss Muriel Rhodes, Long Beach nurse, center, is congratulated by Lieutenant Mary Katherine Cuppy of the Army Nurse Corps as Miss Rhodes signs up for military service in the presence of Mrs. Julia Polu sky, Red Cross Volunteer Nurses' Aide. Miss Rhodes has received her orders and will leave Long Beach immediately. The Red Cross, as the official recruiting agency for the Army and Navy Nurse Corps, is attempting to muster 36,000 nurses in 1943 for service with the armed forces.

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April 6, 1943

Mr. Walter O. Shriner,
2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Shriner:

Replying to your letter of the 30th, I am at a loss how to answer, because the two persons I knew in Shelbyville, indeed the three, have died and I do not know who does genealogical work or the searching of the court records. Mr. Camden Ballard had gone over the records and made copies and connections between the records. He found many marriages that had never been recorded and so were overlooked by those searching the records. His records are owned by his son Mr. Fielding M. Ballard, but I do not know whether Mr. Fielding Ballard will make such search or not. I would suggest that you write Mr. Fielding M. Ballard, Shelbyville, who by the way is a cousin of Mrs. Roy Bridwell, and if he cannot do the work for you he may find or suggest some one who can. I do not know his charges and so suggest you make inquiry. Of course if you cannot find some one, I suspect Mrs. Bridwell could go to Shelbyville amd make searches for you. It is true that bus line is very, very crowded with war workers at this time.

Hoping this suggestion will be productive of results, I am,

Very truly yours,

Ludie J. Kinkead

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3-17-1944.

Mr. Walter O. Shriner,
2525 N. Ninth St.
Terra Haute, Ind.

Dear Mr. Shriner:

Yesterday a Lt. John S. Cuppy showed me a typewritten sketch of the Cuppy family of America.

The Lt. who is temporarily located here, discovered that our Chapter SAR had several years ago placed a marker at the grave of John Cuppy, a Revolutionary soldier who came here from Hampshire Co. Va. and died at 101 years of age.

I noted in sketch you refer to an interview by Dr. Draper (Wisconsin Papers), which I did not know of, although I have been in the Madison , Wis. Library and examined a part of the Mss.

Would inquire if it is possible to secure a copy of your sketch, which has distinct value to us here, historically. Both the SAR and Dayton Historical Society collects such information.

The soldier did not secure a pension, as his name is in rejected list, but he did not serve long enough (6 months), his service being four months, in Virginia militia.

I a-ttended the "marking service" at grave of John Cuppy in the Fairfield cemetery about ten years, or more, ago. He was buried in Wayne Township first, afterward reinterred at Fairfield.

Yours truly,

Secy.-Registrar
Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution

Lieut. Cuppy seems to be a descendant of Abraham Cuppy, who settled in Jefferson Co. Ohio. Is there any proof that Abraham was a Rev. soldier ?

John Cuppy's name is also on a Bronze Tablet in the Old Court House, erected by the SAR

TEL. FU 5818

WILLIAM M. PETTIT
LAWYER
815 CALLAHAN BLDG.
DAYTON, OHIO

3-23-1944.

Dr. Walter O. Shriner,
2525 N. Ninth St.
Terra Haute, Ind.

Reply: Yours of 20th.

Dear Dr. Shriner:

Thank you for the John Cuppy ancestry. I did not know of the Draper Mss. interview.

Checking the will of John Cuppy does not add anything important, as he only mentions his wife, Lydia, and three sons, Henry, Fletcher P. and John A.

The widow declined to accept under the will and Henry Cuppy was appointed administrator.

The will provided 1/3 to wife,
and the 2/3 to the three sons in equal shares.

Executed 30th Sept. 1850; proved 20 July, 1861.

The bond was $5000.

I note one of sons of Mary Ann (1, 4, 5) dau. of John b. Apr. 7, 1797 in Va. ABRAHAM, mad. Delphine Wolford and lives RFD #3, Shiloh, Ohio. I taught school in Independence District in 1886, and the Wolfords resided in district, one of them, John, was a school director. My birth place, Shiloh, My ancestor, Thomas Pettit, came from Hampshire Co. Va. in 1816 and bought 3860 acres of land in Richalnd Co. The old home-438-a place on Mansfield-Wooster pike, is still owned by descendants. Most of land was in northern part of county. Shiloh stands on one Section.

I frequently meet Clarence Shriner, of Cincinnati, who is a District superintendent of Boy Scouts, I believe. He is a member of the S.A.R. Address 3217 Carew Tower.

Yours truly,

Wm M Pettit

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
March 20, 1944.

William M. Pettit, Secretary,
Sons of the American Revolution,
846 North Broadway
Dayton (7), Ohio.

Dear Mr. Pettit:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report on the JOHN CUPPY FAMILY IN AMERICA which was prepared three years ago.

It is my guess that the Lt. John S. Cuppy who called at your office recently is a descendant of Abraham Cuppy, No. 12, through his son, William Cuppy, No. 127. I contacted him several years ago in an effort to obtain more complete data on William Cuppy, No. 127, but to no avail.

I think that it is rather doubtful if his ancestor, Abraham Cuppy, served in the Virginia Militia from Hampshire County, Virginia, due to his youth at the time. The elder brother, John Cuppy, Jr., only served four months. However, John Cuppy, Jr., had considerable service following the Revolution, serving as a scout in the Indian Wars and also was a Capt. of Virginia Troops during the Whiskey Rebellion.

The John Cuppy, Jr., interview with Dr. Draper was published in part in the Kellog Volumes, Wisconscin Historical Series, including a picture of the old soldier. It is probably in the Dayton Library. We have those volumes in the local college library.

The Margaret Cuppy who married Abraham Huffman has been proven to be the daughter of Abraham and Susan (Perrin) Cuppy. I have made a note to that effect in ink on the report.

I made this research on the Cuppy family in an effort to establish the lineage of my wife, Mary Virginia Cuppy, who descends from Aaron Cuppy (1775-1823) in Nelson County, Ky. It now appears that this Aaron Cuppy was the son of Daniel and Mary (Arnold) Cuppy, said Daniel having died about 1777. Two other sons were John and Isaac. John settled in Preston County, West Virginia, where the family now spell the name as Cuppet; Isaac settled in Bedford County, Pennsylvania; and Aaron came on west to Kentucky.

I have never checked the Montgomery marriage and deed records for the data on the early Cuppy families. Any data on these families which you might be able to send me would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Dr. Walter O. Shriner

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Phone Lansing 27

urprise Mrs. Cuppy

A. F. Cuppy of Grant street was irprised when he returned home aturday evening to find the house ill of guests who had waited in irkened rooms to extend conratulations to him on his 33rd irthday. All arrangements for the arty were made by his wife.

Bunco and card games were of- ered as entertainment. Buffet incheon was served after which ie guests departed. The guests icluded Mr. and Mrs. Andy Robins, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Clark, Ir. and Mrs. Art Cox, Mr. and Mrs. loy Ramey, Mr. and Mrs. Harry uter and Mr. Lloyd Wakefield of Iammond. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Iarsha, Mrs. Behtra Sonner of Iunster, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lamb, Iiss Clara Lamb of Lansing, Mr. nd Mrs. John Boddman of Chiago, Bill Harsha, John Johnson of Bicknell, Ind.

Mr. Cuppy received many gifts.

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
March 28, 1944.

F. Cuppy,
street,
, Michigan.

Letter not
answered [illegible]

r. Cuppy:

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From our rather extensive researches, it appears that the founder of the family in America was John Cuppy, born about 1724, probably in Holland or Germany, came to America around 1750 and by 1760 he had married Margaret Parker and settled in Morris County, New Jersey. In 1763, he moved his family to Hampshire County, Virginia, where he remained until after the Revolutionary War. In 1794, he and his wife sold their land in Hampshire Co., Va., and removed to Brooke County, Va., on the Ohio River, southwest of Pittsburg, where John Cuppy died in 1802, leaving a will. He is reported to have been aged 86 years at the time of his death.

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I am writing you in the hope that you may be interested sufficiently to send us a record of your family as far back as you may have it and thus add to the collection of records on the family. We shall be very glad to send you more complete account of your line of descent from the Imigrant as soon as we know where your branch joins the family tree.

Most cordially yours,
Walter O. Shriner
Dr. Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
March 28, 1944.

Mr. A. F. Cuppy,
Grant Street,
Lansing, Michigan.

Letter not claimed (Returned)

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Walter O. Shriner
Dr. Walter O. Shriner

2525 North 9th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 7, 1944.

Miss Hattie M. Scott,
402 Shelby Street,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Scott:

I am writing in the hope that you may still have some available time for genealogical research.

You may recall that one of the several problems which you have so ably investigated for me, there was one which proved rather elusive, namely the Aaron Cuppy in Nelson Co., Kentucky, who married Mrs. Ruth Bunch, widow of James Bunch, on July 29, 1797 and who died in Nelson County, Ky., on Dec. 12, 1822. We were able to account for the six children of Aaron and Ruth Cuppy, namely (1) John, (2) Nancy, (3) Mary, (4) Sarah, (5) William, and (6) Melissa. The daughter, Nancy, married Noah Bridwell in Nelson Co., Ky., on Mar. 25, 1817 and the eldest son married Fanny Bridwell there on Mar. 8, 1817. None of the rest were married until after the father's death in 1822.

In the records at Bardstown, we were unable to find any others by the name of Cuppy.

Some time ago, I sent to Washington for the data on these Cuppy families in Nelson County, Kentucky, 1820 U.S. Census and lo and behold they sent me the following:

1820 Census - Nelson County, Kentucky

p. 28	Aaron Cuppy	2 males under 10 2 males bet. 10 & 16 2 males bet. 18 & 26 1 male bet. 26 & 45 & 1 female 2 males over 45 and 3 others
p. 35	Aaron Cuppy	1 male under 10 & 1 female 3 males bet. 18 & 26 2 females bet. 10 & 16 1 female bet. 16 & 26 1 male over 45 and 1 female.
p. 33	Henry Bunch	2 males under 10 & 1 female 3 males bet. 10 & 16 and 1 female 2 females bet. 16 & 26 1 male over 45 and 1 female.
p. 102	John Cuppy	2 males under 10 1 male bet. 10 & 16 and 2 females 2 females bet. 10 & 16 1 female bet. 16 & 26 1 male bet. 26 & 45 1 male over 45.

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 17, 1944.

Miss Hattie M. Scott,
402 Shelby Street,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Scott:

I have your report on the Aaron Cuppy family in Nelson County, Kentucky, as revealed through the 1792-1839 Tax Records. These records confirm the accuracy of our meager bible records and also add contribute some additional data of importance.

While the Tax records failed to substantiate the presence of additional Cuppy families in Nelson County as shown in the report on the 1820 U.S. Census, I am inclined to believe that there is some error in the Census Report which I received from a Washington (DC) genealogist. I was certainly surprised when I got the Census Report.

I note that Aaron Cuppy first appeared in the No.1 Tax List of Nelson County in 1795. You also stated " 1 male, age 21, and no land." Did the tax record actually state his age as being 21 or did you infer that from the fact that it was his first appearance on the tax roll? And, is there a specified date (month or day) when the tax was collected? This is rather important.

According to our "Cuppy Family Bible", Aaron Cuppy died on Dec. 12, 1822, aged 47 years. However, his age was crowded into the death record. He could have been almost 48 at the time of his death and have thus been 21 in 1795. This does not reveal whether or not Aaron first appeared in Nelson County in 1795 or may bave been there earlier as a minor.

I realize now that there was other family data that I should have revealed for this research. Are the tax records in alphebetical order or were they set down in the order of enumeration? There is considerable evidence to indicate that Aaron Cuppy was the son of Mary (Arnold) Cuppy-Walker. Aaron's father is said to have died in 1777 and his mother then married a man by name of Walker. Aaron Cuppy probably went to Kentucky with relatives who did not have the Cuppy name.

The marriage records of Nelson County, Ky., show that Aaron Cuppy married Betsey Ruth Bunch, widow of James Bunch, on July 29, 1797. This is the year that the tax record listed him with one male 21 and 1 between 16 and 21 . I think Ruth had at least one son by James Bunch but I am sure he could not have been sixteen years of age. Could it have been Ruth who was taxed and under 21?

John Cuppy, Aaron and Ruth's oldest child, was born on May 25, 1798, and therefore he was 21 when he first appeared on the tax record of 1819. This son John is my branch. John Cuppy married Fanny Bridwell, dau. of Bailey Bridwell, in Nelson County on Mar. 8, 1817 when not yet eighteen. Yet, he didn't appear on the tax list until he was 21.

Young John Cuppy did not appear on the 1823 tax report because he and other members of the Bridwell family had removed to Lawernce County, Indiana. Aaron Cuppy was not on the 1823 Tax list because he died in Nelson County on Dec. 12, 1822.

Ruth Cuppy, who appeared on the tax lists from 1823 to 1829, was the widow of Aaron and the mother of his children. William Cuppy, who appeared on the tax list for the first time with no land in 1729, was the second son, born Jan. 22, 1808. Hence, he was twenty-one that first tax year. I was surprised that William was not living with his mother since he remained a batchleor all his life. In 1838, William Cuppy bought a tract of govt. land in Lawrence County, Indiana, near his brother John. That accounts for him not being on the Nelson County Tax List after 1836.

Finding Eohraim Cuppy as the third son is new. This bears out a tradition for which I had no definite data. The tradition is that the youngest daughter, Melissa Cuppy, born in 1810, had a twin brother. That the mother favored this youngest son, sent him back to Pennsylvania to school and that he remained in the east. I always thought the story was "bunk" and none of the Family Bibles give any data on him. But neither do they include any data on the mother Ruth. Ephriam Cuppy's appearance on the 1831 tax list for the first time would confirm the tradition that he was a twin of Melissa, born in 1810.

Melissa Cuppy joined her older brother John Cuppy in Lawrence County, Ind., where she married James Lloyd,Jr., on Oct. 31, 1832. There were three other children, girls, in the Cuppy Family. Nancy Cuppy, born Feb. 14, 1800, married Noah Bridwell in Nelson County, Ky., the same ~~month~~ in which her brother John married Fanny Bridwell, 17 days later. The third child, Mary Cuppy, born Aug. 4, 1802, married Charles Ratliff in Nelson Co. on Aug. 28, 1823. The fourth child, Sarah Cuppy, came to Indiana with John, Nancy, William, and Melissa.

The deed records of Nelson County reveal that Ruth Cuppy, the mother, sold the 50 acre farm to Jacob Lutz on Sept. 13, 1832. Hense, it would appear that she accompanied her youngest son, Ephraim Cuppy, back to Pennsylvania. It might even suggest that there had been a "row" in the family and that all communication ceased between Ruth (with Ephraim) and the rest of her children. Ephraim's twin sister, Melissa, was the only one to name one of her children Ruth. Melissa and her husband left Indiana about 1853 and I have never discovered where they went. Maybe they joined Ephraim. Perhaps we have finally uncovered the family "skeleton or squabble".

I have never been able to learn where the Charles Ratliff (Ratcliff- Radcliff-etc) Family went. If they left Nelson County about 1832, then they may also have gone with mother Ruth and Ephraim. This gets quite interesting and I believe it would be worth investigating a little farther.

If the Historical Society Library has not been dismantled upon your return from Mt. Sterling, and you are free to give this study a little more time, here is what I would like done:

1. Trace Charles Ratliff (name might be Ratcliff or Radcliff) in Nelson County from the time of his marriage to Mary Cuppy in 1823 until he left the county or till 1839 which ever fit his case.

2. If the tax lists are not alphabetical, but if names are listed in the order in which they were enumerated, send me names of those immediately surrounding Aaron Cuppy from 1795 to 1780.

3. Look to see if there were any Walker or Arnold families near Aaron Cuppy in those early years. If not, then I am inclined to think that he was related to the Hibbs family, since Isaac Hibbs went on his marriage bond and the Hibbs family played a prominent part in his inventory and estate sale.

I am enclosing a check for $5.00, two dollars of which is payment for the work already done and the additional amount as an advance toward the additional work.

Incidently, I think there is some error about the 1820 Census report which I received. I shall have that carefully rechecked.

Sometime, I want to have the tax records of Lewis County, Ky., checked from 1808 to about 1820 for members of the Looney Family. I am very anxious in this case to find if there was not one son by the name of either Andrew Looney or Adam Looney. David Looney was the father of this family. You may recall that you did some research for me on this family several years ago. I have the records complete except for one son who is reported to have died about the time of the War of 1812. His name may appear in the tax records just as Ephraim Cuppy did in Nelson Co. I merely mentioned this Looney problem in case you might have an opportunity to investigate it before the Hist. Soc. Room was dismantled for repairs. If you do have time for this Looney search, don't hesitate to go ahead with it and send me the amount of fee.

I want you to know how greatly I appreciate the thoroughness with which you do all this work.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 24, 1944.

Mrs. Harry S. F. Randolph,
35-27 80th Street,
Jackson Heights, New York.

Dear Mrs. Randolph:

Last year you did considerable research for me on the Stark Family of Dutchess County, New York.

I have another genealogical problem which I am hoping that you may be willing to undertake for me. It will re-require research in New York colonial records and in Morris County, New Jersey, prior to 1762, dealing with the activities of JOHN CUPPY.

According to published accounts written by the son, John Cuppy, Jr., and grandson, Henry Cuppy, this is the clue which we have, namely:

"John Cuppy, the immigrant, was a native of Germany and he came to New York about the year 1650, when a young man. He joined the colonial army and served in the Canadian expedition during the French & Indian War of 1854. He returned to New York and then removed to Morris County, New Jersey, where he married Margaret (thought to have been a daughter of Benjamin Parker) and lived near Morristown until about 1763 when he removed to Hampshire County, Virginia. There were at least three children reported to have been born to John Cuppy and wife while they were living near Morristown where John is reported to have been a combination of stonemason and farmer. The children born in New Jersey were: Elizabeth, Sarah, and John Jr., the later born on Mar. 11, 1761."

John Cuppy, Jr., married Elizabeth DeVore, dau. of John Devore, and who was his first cousin. Hence, it would appear that John DeVore married another daughter of Benjamin Parker near Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey. The date and place of John Cuppy, Jr's birth is obtained from his Rev. War pension application. John Cuppy Jr lived to be over 100 years of age and died in Montgomery Co., Ohio, on June 28, 1861. John Cuppy, Jr., reported that he had other brothers and sisters born near Romney, Virginia, after 1762, namely: Abraham, Henry, Daniel, Elsie (or Aaron) were born. There is some evidence that the son Daniel was the eldest of the children. The published accounts were "interviews by Dr. Draper and a nephew with John Cuppy Jr"when the latter was near 100 years of age.

I have rather complete data on John Cuppy, the immigrant, from 1763 on till his death. He died in Brooke Co., Va., near the Ohio River, in 1802, reported to have been aged 86. His wife Margaret died near Wellsburg in 1816.

I am anxious to find out for certain about that French &

Indian War service in 1754; if there is any record of his arrival in New York from Germany; and if there are records of his marriage to Margaret Parker and the births of his children in Morris County, New Jersey, prior to 1763.

The name of Cuppy is unusual and it is quite likely that this is the only Cuppy Family in America. However, if there were other early Cuppy men in New York, it would be of value to know.

You have mentioned that you are a member of the New Jersey Historical Society and have access to many of the early bible and genealogical records. When in Morristown, N. J., in the summer of 1940, I found that the county records only dated back to about 1785. The colonial records were not there. As you can see from the statement of my problem, it is the early colonial records which are needed. By-the-way, Benjamin Parker removed to Hampshire County, Va., with John Cuppy and John DeVore. John Cuppy,Sr's wife was a native of New Jersey, so evidently the Parker Family were early residents of New Jersey.

Don't hesitate to let me know the amount of advance fee you wish me to send for this research. I am fully aware that one can not tell in advance how much time such work will take, but an initial payment can be estimated which can be followed by a payment for any balance due.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Walter O. Shriner

MRS. HARRY SCIDMORE FITZ RANDOLPH
35-27 EIGHTIETH STREET
JACKSON HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

May 6, 1944

Dr. Walter O. Shriner,
2525 North Ninth St.,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Shriner:

Your Cuppy family is one of those families that didn't get itself in print.

The index of names in Colonial Muster Rolls, 1664-1775, published in 2nd Annual Report of the State (N.Y.) Historian, Colonial Series, Vols. I & II, does not show a Cuppy spelled with either a C or K.

At the New Jersey Historical Society, I was unable to find anything about Cuppys. Late in 1800 there was a De Vore family in Sussex county. Parkers were everywhere in New Jersey.

There was no need to go to Morristown for the land records for you had been there. My only suggestion, if you have not already done so, is to write the Secretary of State, Trenton, N.J., and ask if there was any land owned by John Cuppy previous to 1761. I think they have a land index, however, I may be mistaken.

Did you look at the Morris county marriages at the Court House? If you didn't, the County Clerk could look for the records you want. I am all out of ideas and suggestions as to where to look next. A letter to the Secretary of State at Trenton and the County Clerk at Morristown, may give you the clue you want.

I worked all day in Newark, with the help of the assistant librarian, who is well trained, and I feel we left no stone unturned.

My charge is $5.00. If ever Cuppy material comes my way I will send it to you.

Sincerely,

Ethel L. F. Randolph

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
May 10, 1944.

Mrs. Harry S.F. Randolph,
35-27 Eightieth Street,
Jackson Heights, New York.

Dear Mrs. Randolph:

I appreciate the effort you have made to check on that statement of John Cuppy, Jr., to the effect that his father, John Cuppy Sr., had served in the French & Indian Wars from New York about 1754. One could not be satisfied until he had at least made an attempt to substantiate the claim. Since John Cuppy, Jr., was almost one hundred years of age when he had that interview with Dr. Draper and gave that sketch of his family, it contains several errors of memory. Of course, it is possible that John Cuppy Sr may have translated his name into the English form in such manner that it would be almost impossible to determine his former German name. In that case, it is doubtful if it could be checked with any degree of accuracy. I would guess that the German spelling was Kuppe or Coupe - and since you checked for both C and K, I am quite satisfied that it could not have been there.

I take it that you checked any Colonial War List from New Jersey which might have be on file at Newark. I might say that when in Morristown two years ago, I found that the records of Morris County, N.J., only go back to 1785. All earlier records are private and I was told that they were in the hands of a private organization at Perth Amboy, N. J. Since my John Cuppy, Sr., left New Jersey in 1762, that puts me up against a difficult problem.

Enclosed you will find my check for the $5.00 fee which you stipulated as due. Thanks very much for making the study for me.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Dr. Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 1, 1945.

Atty D. E. Cuppett,
Miners & Merchants Bank Bldg.,
Thomas, West Virginia.

My dear Mr. Cuppett:

I believe that I have unearthed another clue relative to the Daniel Cuppy branch of the family. A few months ago, I had researcher at Frankfort, Kentucky, examine the old tax records from 1792 to 1840 in Nelson County where my Aaron Cuppy had settled and died in 1822. This search of the tax records revealed that Aaron Cuppy had had three sons, namely, (1) John, born May, 25, 1798, (2) William, born Jan. 22, 1808, and (3) Ephraim, born 1810. There were also four daughters: Nancy, Mary, Sarah, and Melissa, the later was a twin of Ephriam.

Aaron Cuppy's widow sold the Kentucky farm in 1836 and tradition in the family states that she and her younger son went east to Pennsylvania.

It is the name of the son, Ephraim Cuppy, which may indicate a clue, such as:

You may recall that John Cuppy, Sr., of Hampshire Co., Virginia secured a patent on certain tract of land in Monongalia County (now Preston) and that he had made a settlement on it in 1769 and sold his settlement rights to the same to EPHRAIM FRAZEE in 1781. It is possible that Ephraim Frazee was the man who married Elizabeth Cuppy, the eldest of John Cuppy, Sr's children. We have no record of whom this child married. It would seem likely that it had been Daniel Cuppy, the eldest son, who has made the settlement on this tract in 1769 prior to his death in 1776.

Since Frederick Spahr of York Co., Pa., purchased land adjoining this old Cuppy land, I wish you would check the deed records to find out more about this Ephraim Frazee and the name of his wife. I would like also to know the date that Frederick Spahr purchased his land in Monongalia (now Preston) Co. I had a very thorough search made of all records (including Lutheran Church Records) made in York Co., Pa., and there was no trace of the Cuppy or Cuppett names, nor Albaugh family. Bedford County records show Isaac Cuppet to have been the first there.

I did find York County records of your Frederick Spahr and his wife Elizabeth Gouff, dau. of Philip and Christina Gouff, all from Dover Twp. Frederick Spahr's parents were Michael and Barabara Spahr. Frederick was a soldier in the Rev. War. I am enclosing a supplementary report on the Cuppy-Cuppett search which the York Co. Hist. Soc. sent me. It should be of more value to you than to me.

As you doubtless know, the Lutheran Church records were kept rather complete and that is why I doubt if John Cuppett may have married Susanna Spahr until they arrived in Western Virginia. Since John Cuppett lived until 1855, the 1850 Census will give the state of his birth.

I believe the children of Daniel Cuppy lived among their various uncles and aunts after their mother was remarried to the man Walker. I believe Aaron Cuppy came to Kentucky with some of his relatives.

I am now having a researcher of Virginia records, make a study of the early militia pay rolls of Romney and Monongalia County, in an effort to find out if Daniel Cuppy was not enrolled prior to his death. It is quite likely that he had some service against the Indians. I'll let you know if I find any further data.

Hoping that you will make some investigation of the Ephraim Frazee who purchased that tract of John Cuppy, Sr., I remain

Most cordially yours,

Walter O. Shriner

PS Ephriam Frazee may have influenced your branch to use the French spelling of the name Cuppy, i e, Cuppet.

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2525 North Ninth St.,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 6, 1945

Mrs. Natalia R. Fernald,
803 Taylor St., N. W.
Washington (11), D. C.

Dear Mrs. Fernald:

I am hoping that you may be able to make a search of the following census reports for me:

1850 U.S. Census - Preston County, Virginia, for the data on
JOHN CUPPET and other Cuppet families near him.

1850 U.S. Census - Bedford County, Pennsylvania, for data on
ISAAC CUPPET and other Cuppet families near him (near Wolfsburg)

1850 U.S. Census - Franklin County, Indiana, for data on
CUPPY men and women, probably living near Laurel.

1850 U.S. Census - Benton County, Indiana, for data on
CUPPY men and women.

1850 U.S. Census - Whitley County, Indiana, for data on
CUPPY men and women.

I am enclosing a check for ten dollars as an advance payment on this work. If more time is required, do not hesitate to complete the work and send me a statement for the additional amount needed.

Hoping you have enjoyed improved health during the past year, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner
2525 N. Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

P. O. Box 2034,
Richmond, Virginia.
January I9, I945.

Mrs. Walter G. Shriner,
2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Shriner:

The enclosed material is what I have found thus far on the Cuppy family. We have many Romney Pay Rolls but the name Cuppy does not appear in any that we have nor does it appear in any of the Revolutionary lists. John Cuppy is listed in West Virginia Revolutionary Ancestors and I am writing to Washington to ascertain if they have any further information about his services. Since the war it usually takes them several weeks to reply. In the meantime I wanted to send you the inscription from the monument and the information that this Roster gives. Did you knoe that John Cuppy was buried in Ohio ?

John Cuppy, Sr. and wife Margaret still ownedland in Hampshire county in I794. It seems most probable the the two hundred and sixty acres of land that he sold to Samue Hague in April I794 is the same tract that Samuel sells to him June I794.

I am continuing the search on the Cuppys as well the Lloyds, having recently found one or two leads on the latter. I will let you hear from me again as soon as I have something to report.

Sincerely yours,

Anne Hough

(Mrs. Frank Hough

Indiana State Teachers College

Terre Haute, Indiana

Department of Mathematics

2525 North Ninth Street,
February 21, 1936.

County Board of Health &
Bureau of Vital Statistics,
Tuscola, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I should like very much to secure the exact death date of John Morrison Cuppy who died near Arcola about 1911.

Respectfully requested,
Walter O. Shriner
Dr. Walter O. Shriner

I find no record of the death of John Morrison Cuppy.

Clyde M. Larimer
Clyde M.Larimer,
County Clerk.
2-25-36.

Company I Capt John Martin

W. C. Cuppy, discharged Nov. 1861 disability
J. J. Cuppy, died Oct 1864

Sullivan Co. Lins, (31 Regt.)
capt Jas. Walls.

Co. F, 41 Regt.

Co. E.
S. E. Cuppy discharged, disability

Co. C, 59. Regt.

Co I 71st Regt.

Co. F., 115th Regt.

Alva Marts

- John Cuppy ~~ret~~ married in Nelson ~~Lawrence~~ Co. Ky. to
Fanny Bridwell
He settled in Sullivan Co. in 1836
Seth enlisted in Co. E. 43 Rids

Jaut Z. Gray born July 2, 1852 son of Jaut + Ellanna Cuppy Gray

James W. Lloyd, born in Frederick Co. Va.
settled in Lawrence Co., Ind.

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 28, 1945.

Mrs. Natalia R. Fernald,
803 Taylor St., N.W.
Washington (11), D. C.

Dear Mrs. Fernald:

I appreciate the reports which you sent me on the various Cuppy and Cuppet Families in such widely scattered sections of the country. At the close of your last report, you stated that I still had a credit of $ 4.50, that is, the report sent me amounted to $5.50. You also asked if I were interested in the Cuppy data in the 1850 Census from Tippecanoe County, Indiana, which you had secured for another client. I would like that data. The Tippecanoe County Cuppys are descendants of that Benjamin Cuppy whom we finally traced as an old man to Shelby Co., Iowa. Not all of his children followed him to Iowa.

Please send me, therefore, the Cuppy records in the 1850 Census for Tippecanoe County, Indiana. I would also like the search made for Cuppy men who may have been in the adjoining county of Warren, Indiana, at that time. I note that they had not moved north into Benton County, Indiana, as you found none there for 1850. You may recall that you found some of them in Cass County, Indiana, for 1850 some years ago.

If you find it necessary to consult the original records for Tippecanoe County, Indiana, 1850 Census, again, I would also like for you to check for widow Elizabeth McFarland, who was Elizabeth Cuppy before her marriage to Moses McFarland in 1827.

I would also like for you to check the 1850 U.S. Census for Morgan County, Illinois for all Cuppy men and

Samuel Ream who married a Cuppy girl (Benj.'s dau.)
George Ream who married Anna Cuppy " ".

I shall send you any additional amount which may be needed to complete these researches.

Most sincerely yours,
Walter O. Shriner
Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 28, 1945.

Mrs. Frank Hough,
P.O. Box 2034
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Hough:

I have your preliminary report on the Cuppy Family which resided in Hampshire County, Virginia, during the Revolution. I realize that in order to conserve energy, I should have made made a more detailed statement of the data which I have on the Cuppy family and a more definite statement of the data which is missing.

My maiden name was Cuppy. I am the great-great granddaughter of Aaron Cuppy, born in 1774/5, who married Ruth Elizabeth Bunch, widow of James Bunch, in Nelson County, Ky., on July 29, 1797 and he died in Nelson County, Ky., Dec. 12,1822. The old bible of my grandfather, Rev. William Thomas Cuppy, lists the death of his grandfather Aaron Cuppy as Dec. 12, 1822, age 47. This bible record would indicate that Aaron Cuppy was born in 1775. However, his name appeared on the Nelson County (Ky) Tax List in 1795 for the first time. This would indicate that he was 21 in 1795 and therefore born in 1774. Aaron Cuppy and Ruth, his wife, had seven children: (1) John, born May 25, 1798, (2) Nancy, born Feb. 14, 1800, (3) Mary, born Aug. 28, 1802, (4) Sarah, born Oct. 30, 1804, (5) William, born Jan. 22, 1808, and twins (6 & 7) Melissa and Ephriam, born in 1810. The eldest son, John Cuppy, was my great grandfather. The question arises: WHO WAS AARON CUPPY?

In all my researches, the one and only CUPPY family in America was that of John Cuppy, Sr.,(1716-1802) who came to New York just prior to 1750; married Margaret Parker in Morris Co., New Jersey, about 1750; removed to Hampshire Co., Va., in 1762; then removed to Brooke Co., Va., about 1795 where he died in 1802. John Cuppy, Sr., left a will in Brooke Co., Va., dated Aug. 4, 1801 and probated September, 1802. His widow, Margaret, died in Brooke Co., Va., in 1816 as an inventory of her estate was made in January, 1817. In his will, a copy of which I am enclosing, John Cuppy, Sr., names only his wife, and two sons, John, Jr., and Abraham. He also states that he has three sons living but did not name the third son.

Several years ago, I was in Romney and tried to get what I could from the records there which are rather incomplete. The last deed record from the "Records of Hampshire Co by Clara Sage" in which Samuel Hague and wife Eleanor sold John Cuppy 260 acres on Mill Creek on June 11, 1794 was in reality a mortgage for the old home place which John Cuppy Sr & wife Margaret had sold the Hagues on April 9, 1794.

The full list of children of John Cuppy, Sr., is to be obtained largely from two recorded interviews given by John Cuppy, Junior, to Dr. Draper (Wisconsin Historical Society) and to William Cuppy, great-nephew, prior to John Cuppy Jr's death in 1861.

The lists of his brothers and sisters given by John Cuppy, Jr., to Dr. Draper and his nephew vary somewhat. That was probably due to the fact that he was nearly one hundred years old at the time and his memory of early dates was not accurate. The list of his own children is not the same both times. However, the lists reveal the following:

CHILDREN OF JOHN & MARGARET (PARKER) CUPPY.

1. Daniel Cuppy, born about 1751 in Morris County, N. J. Is reported to have married Mary Arnold about 1771 and settled in York or Bedford Co., Pa. He died in May, 1776, about six weeks after the birth of his son Isaac who was born 4-9-1776. The eldest son was John, born 12-4-1771. My Aaron was most likely the second son, born in 1774. After Daniel's death, his widow married a man by name of Walker. The sons: John and Isaac remained in Pennsylvania and adopted the name Cuppet. John later settled in Preston Co., W. Va., and Isaac settled in Bedford Co., Pa. John Cuppet settled near (adjoining) a tract which John Cuppy, Sr., had patented in what was then Monongalia County as early as 1769 and sold to Ephriam Frazee in 1781.

2. Elizabeth Cuppy, the eldest daughter born in Morris Co., N.J. ; accompanied her parents to Hampshire Co., Va., in 1763. John Cuppy, Jr., did not state whom this sister married.

3. Sarah Cuppy , the second daughter and immediately older than John Jr., also born in Morris County, N. J., accompanied her parents to Hampshire Co., Va., whener John Cuppy, Jr., reported that she married a Huffman.

4. John Cuppy, Jr., born March 11, 1761 in Morris Co., N.J.; married his cousin, Elizabeth Devore, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Parker) Devore, in Hampshire Co., Va., in 1779. His wife, Elizabeth, died in Brooke Co., Va., in 1818. They had seven children: (1) Benjamin, (2) Anne, (3) Abraham, (4) Margaret, (5) Catherine, (6) Susan, and (7) Elizabeth. On Oct. 7, 1824, John Cuppy, Jr., married Lydia (Oilar) Russell, widow of Joseph Russell, and she bore him three sons: (8) Henry , (9) Fletcher, and (10) John A. John Cuppy, Jr., died in Montgomery Co., Ohio, on June 28, 1861, over 1oo years of age. I have collected a rather complete history of this man. You can see that he was too young to have been the father of my Aaron Cuppy, b. 1774.

5. Abraham Cuppy, born Nov. 3, 1763 after family removed to Mill Cr., Hampshire Co., Va. He married Susanna Perrin, dau/ of Edward and Anne Perrin at Antietam, Wash. Co., Md., in 1786. They removed to Brooke Co., Va., along with John Cuppy, Sr., and John Cuppy, Jr., about 1795. Later, Abraham Cuppy settled across the Ohio in Jefferson County, Ohio, where he died Nov. 3, 1840 and left a will. He had a family of ten cildren: (1) Elizabeth, (2) Margaret, (3) Sarah, (4) Anne, (5) John, (6) Mary, (7) William, (8) Abraham, (9) Perrin, and (10) Rachel. You will note that John, Jr. and Abraham were the executors of old John Cuppy Sr's will back in Brooke Co., Va.

6. Henry Cuppy, born about 1770 in Hampshire Co., Va. John Cuppy, Jr., stated that he had a younger brother Henry born in Va.

I found no record of Henry Cuppy in Brooke County, Va., documents but he is undoubtedly the third son, mentioned but unnamed, in his father's will. Henry was in Clermont County, Ohio, along the Ohio as early as 1814, and probably earlier. He removed to Wayne Co., Indiana, in 1818 which was just across the state border from Montgomery Co., Ohio, where his brother, John Cuppy, Jr., settled in 1824. Henry Cuppy had wife Sarah, maiden name unknown, and he died in Wayne County, Indiana, in 1833. He and his wife had a family of eight children: (1) Daniel, (2) Mary, (3) Rebecca, (4) James, (5) Thomas, (6) John, (7) Abraham, and (8) Henry Harrison.

John Cuppy, Jr., stated to Dr. Draper that he also had a sister Elsie born in Hampshire Co., Va., but her name was not included in the list given his nephew, William.

Incidently, John Cuppy, Jr., told Dr. Draper that his father was a native of Germany and that after arriving in New York, he served in the Colonial Army in the French & Indian War of 1854. There has been found no record of this service in either New York or New Jersey. So, if true, he served under some spelling of the name quite different from Cuppy. John Cuppy, Jr., also stated that his father was 86 years old at time of his death in 1802. That would have made him born about 1716.

I have the military record of John Cuppy, Jr., both in the Revolution, the Indian Wars, and the Rebellion of 1794 against the excise taxes.

When I wrote you, I had thought it possible that old John Cuppy, Sr., might have had some militia service during the Revolution and that perhaps the two sons: Daniel and Abraham Cuppy, might also have had service and been on the Romney Pay Rolls. If Daniel who is reported to have died in 1776, had any service, it must have been in the Pennsylvania Militia, and probably in Bedford County, just north of Hampshire Co., Va.

So, where am I with my Aaron Cuppy, born in 1774? If he were a son of John Cuppy, Sr., and wife Margaret., he was not mentioned by John Cuppy, Jr., and was not mentioned in his father's will. He was too old to have been the son of John Jr., Abraham, or Henry. Abraham was the only one to have named a son, John, prior to old John Cuppy, Sr's death, hence the special mention in the will. kxxxxxhadxxxxxxxxxbmxx.

Since you have searched the Militia Rolls at Romeny for these Cuppy men and found nothing, I do not see that there is any use to make further search in the Virginia records. I am just up a blind alley on my Cuppy line until I can locate a more definite record of Aaron's parents in Pennsylvania.

I noted that you have located some additional data on my Thomas Loyd in Frederick Co., Va. Have you found any trace of my James Bridges Family in Frederick or Fauquier Counties? Awaiting your report on these families with eagerness, I am

Very truly yours,
Virginia Cuppy Shriner
Mrs. Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 29, 1945

Attorney D. E. Cuppett,
Miners & Merchants Bank Bldg.,
Thomas, West Virginia.

My dear Mr. Cuppett:

On the first of this month, I wrote you and enclosed some records which I had obtained on the Frederick Spahr family in Dover Twp., York County, Pennsylvania. In that letter, I also suggested that perhaps your early John Cuppet had been born in Virginia or Maryland, rather than in Pennsylvania, and that his father may have made the early settlement on the tract purchased in Monongalia County, Va., in 1769 by John Cuppy and sold to Ephriam Frazee in 1781.

Since your John Cuppet and his brother Isaac Cuppet lived beyond 1850, I wrote the U.S. Census for the 1850 data on these families in Preston Co., Va. and Bedford Co., Pennsylvania. I have received these reports and both brothers listed Pennsylvania as birthplaces. If they were sons of Daniel and Mary (Arnold) Cuppy, then there is no doubt but that Daniel Cuppy settled in Pennsylvania prior to his death. The 1850 Census Reports also reveal that your John Cuppet remained in Pennsylvania until after most of his children were born, at least until after 1816 as his son Henry was born in Pennsylvania.

Another interesting point in the Census Report is that old John Cuppet gave his age on Nov. 8, 1850 as 79 years and his wife as being 73 years. This would have made Dec. 4, 1771 as his birth date rather than Dec. 4, 1774 as you previously stated as given on his grave stone. Isaac Cuppet, in Bedford County, Penn., gave his age as 74 and born in Pennsylvania. This agrees with his birth record, Apr. 9, 1776. If Aaron Cuppy, who died in Nelson County, Ky., was another brother (and he cannot be accounted for in the other Cuppy Families) his birth would fall readily between John and Isaac. Aaron Cuppy appeared for the first time in Nelson County tax lists in 1795, signifying the date he reached 21. This would have made him about two years younger than John and two years older than Isaac. Several Walker families came to Nelson County, Ky., as well as Devore, and Huffman families.

On the following page, I am sending you a copy of the report on Cuppet families in Preston Co., Va., in 1850. From this report, it is disclosed that old John and wife Susanna were living with the youngest son, Henry Cuppet. Also, that the son Daniel, being dead, had at least two sons: William, aged 26, and Henry, aged 9, - also a dau. Nancy, aged 17. There may have been some married daughters.

1850 Preston Co., Va. 45th Dist. Nov. 8

1413-1413	Jacob Cuppet	45	farmer R.E. 1000	b. Penn.
	Eve "	44		b. "
	Elizabeth "	22		b. Va.
	Zalmon "	19		b. "
	Jefferson "	18		b. "
	Jane "	14		b. "
	Almyra "	13		b. "
	Thomas B. "	10		b. "
	Margaret A"	7		b. "
	George "	4		b. "

1850 Preston Co., Va. 45th Dist. Nov. 8

1416-1416	Henry Cuppet	34	farmer R.E. 2000	b. Penn.
	Drusalia "	35		b. Md.
	Sarah F. "	4		b. Va.
	Lee S. "	3		b. "
	John "	79		b. Penn.
	Susannah "	73		b. "

1850 Preston Co., Va. 45th Dist. Nov. 16

1461-1461	John Cuppet	48	farmer R.E. 1500	b. Penn.
	Rachel "	44		b. Md.
	Elizabeth "	19		b. Va.
	George "	17		b. "
	John "	15		b. "
	Augustine "	13		b. "
	Marsellus "	10		b. "
	Mary A. "	8		b. "
	James H. "	5		b. "
	Mary A.Fisher	11		b. "
	Amos "	4		b. "

1850 Preston Co., Va. 45th Dist. Nov. 25

1518-1518	William Cuppet	26	farmer R.E. 1500	b. Va.
	Mary "	26		b. "
	Emily "	1		b. "
	Nancy "	17		b. "
	Henry "	9		b. "

1850 St. Clair Twp., Bedford Co., Penn. Sept. 24

189-190	Isaac Cuppet		blacksmith R.E. 1800	b. Penn.	age 74
	Mary "	63		b. "	
	Elizabeth "	26		b. "	
	Franklin Michel	22	farmer	b. "	

All of Isaac Cuppet's sons: David, Philip, Isaac, & William were living near him. In this 1850 Census report, however, the son David, was listed as Dan A. Cuppet and not as David A. Cuppet. Dan Cuppet was listed as having a son David and the Penn. Archives lists David A. Cuppet about 1829 as taxable.

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 8, 1947.

Mr. C. A. McGrew,
73 McMunn Avenue,
Crafton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. McGrew:

Over the Christmas Holidays, I compiled a revised edition of the JOHN CUPPY FAMILY, based on the more recent data which has been uncovered.

Research on the Benjamin Parker Family has failed so far to reveal that John Cuppy Sr had married into the Parker Family. In fact, the data found seems to confirm John Jr's statement to Dr. Draper that his mother was Margaret DeVore, and a sister of John DeVore. I believe John Jr. named his eldest son for Benjamin Huffman who had married Sarah ~~Huffma~~and in the 1782 Va. Census had two children. In 1784 Va. Census, Benjamin Huffman was not in Hampshire Co., Va., for the reason that he was in the west, probably settled for a time in Mongalia ? Co., Va., and then went on to the Ohio River where they were later joined by the Cuppy families. You will recall that Abraham Huffman, who later married Margaret Cuppy, dau. of Abraham and Susanna (Perrin) Cuppy, was born on Nov. 19, 1785 in Ohio Co., Va. I think he was one of the children of Benj. & Sarah (Cuppy) Huffman, and hence married his cousin. I also have found where there was an early Isaac Huffman in Brooke Co., Va., who sold land in 1812 to Abraham Cuppy, son of John Jr. The Isaac Hibbs Family may have been in that same district prior to moving to Kentucky in 1794 along with Aaron Cuppy. With Aaron Cuppy in Kentucky, I have also found an older man by name of Daniel DeVore with a family of children about Aaron's age. This would account for the name Daniel in the Cuppy Family.

Did you ever get a list of the early Cuppy marriages in Jefferson County, Ohio? I would like to have them. I would also like to get those in Richland County, Ohio. I think some of the older children of Benjamin Cuppy were married in Richland Co., Ohio, just prior to the time this family removed to Tippecanoe Co., Ind.

I would like your opinion of this revised analysis. I believe it fits more closely with the actual facts which we have accumulated. It certainly seems more likely that John Cuppy Sr would have married into a French Huguenot Family than into an English Family of wealth.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 8, 1947.

Mr. W. R. Felton,
307 Water Street,
Siox City, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Felton:

Over the Christmas Holidays, I made a revised analysis of the Cuppy Family data, based on additional data found. I am enclosing a copy of the revised outline.

After considerable research, I could find no data to substantiate the view that the emigrant John Cuppy had married a daughter of Benjamin Parker. It is true that John Cuppy helped settle on the tract of land that Benj. Parker had bought in 1763 from the Proprietaries of Northern Virginia and that John Cuppy later (1766) bought 227 acres of that tract.

There is additional data to support the statement that John Cuppy, Jr., was correct when he stated that his mother was Margaret DeVore, and that he later married his cousin, Elizabeth DeVore, dau. of John DeVore. Until there is actually data uncovered to the contrary, we had better stick to John Cuppy's statement.

I am now of the opinion that Sarah Cuppy, sister of John Jr., married Benjamin Huffman who was listed in Hampshire Co., in 1782 with a wife and two children. Benjamin was not there in 1784 but had removed to the Ohio River country - where I think he may have died. Abraham Huffman was born in Ohio County (formed into Brooke in 1797) on Nov. 19, 1785. I believe it most likely that this Abraham Huffman was the son of Benj. and Sarah (Cuppy) Huffman, and therefore he married his cousin in marrying Margaret Cuppy, dau. of Abrhham and Susanna (Perrin) Euppy. I believe it would pay you to follow up the investigation of Benj. Huffman in Brooke Co or Ohio Co., W. Virginia. I also believe that John Cuppy, Jr., named his eldest son for Benj. Huffman who was the real influence in getting the Cuppy families to move to the Ohio River district.

I have also found that with Aaron Cuppy in Kentucky there wasalso a Daniel DeVore, old enough to be an uncle. This would account for the use of the name Daniel in the Cuppy family. I also find an Isaac Huffman selling land to Abraham Cuppy, son of John Jr., in Brooke County in 1812. It may be that Isaac Hibbs, who married Elizabeth Cuppy, was also in the Ohio River country, prior to moving to Kentucky in 1794 - The double tie-up with the DeVore family (French) would also help to explain why the two sons of Daniel Cuppy changed the name to the French form if, as orphans, they were left in care of the DeVore family.

I was sorry you did not send me the date of the marriage of Margaret Cuppy to Abraham Huffman in Jefferson Co., Ohio. I would appreciate your reactions to this revised analysis.

Walter O. Shriner
Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 10, 1947.

Attorney D. E. Cuppett,
Miners & Merchants Bk Bldg.,
Thomas, West Virginia.

Dear Mr. Cuppett:

During the Christmas Holidays, I compiled a revised analysis of the JOHN CUPPY FAMILY in America, based on the additional data found recently. If you have a copy of that original "History" which was compiled in 1941, I suggest that you destroy it or mark on its margin, "see later changes".

Recent efforts to link the wife of the emigrant, John Cuppy, with the Benjamin Parker Family have proven in vain. It now seems wise to fall back on the published statement of John Cuppy, Jr., to the effect that his mother was Margaret DeVore. It now appears far more likely that John Cuppy, Jr., named his eldest son, Benjamin, for his brother-in-law, Benj. Huffman, who had married Sarah Cuppy. Benj. Huffman had left Hampshire Co., Va., between 1782 and 1784, and settled in the Ohio River country, now Brooke Co., W. Va. There was several Huffman children in early Brook Co., Va., with names: Daniel, Benjamin, Abraham, and Isaac. Abraham Huffman, born Nov. 19, 1785, later married Margaret Cuppy, dau. of Abraham and Susanna (Perrin) Cuppy, in Jefferson Co., Ohio, in 1810. It now appears that they were cousins.

With Aaron Cuppy in Kentucky about 1794, there were Isaac Hibbs and wife, Elizabeth (Cuppy?); also a Daniel DeVore Family, Arnold Families, and several Walker Families. There is no place for Aaron Cuppy in the JOHN CUPPY FAMILY except as a son of Daniel Cuppy. Since Aaron was born in 1774, and the 1850 Census lists your John Cuppet as 79 years of age, and Isaac Cuppet as 74 years of age, it is indicated that John was probably born in 1771/2, Aaron in 1774, and Isaac in 1776. The grain sack with "A.Cuppy" inscribed thereon which was in your branch of the family was probably one of Aaron's left behind when he went to Kentucky about 1794. It is also probable that these three orphan brothers were closely associated with the DeVore relatives which would account for John and Isaac using the French spelling of Cuppit. Aaron, accompanying the various Cuppy branches west, was more likely to retain the old spelling. I predict that we may even find that the wife of old John Cuppy, Sr., may have been the daughter of Daniel DeVore, Sr. The early DeVore families were in Sussex Co., New Jersey, near the New York border.

Do you have a record of the names of the wives and husbands of the children of John and Susanna (Spahr) Cuppit? Did John leave a will and give the married names of his daughters? Do the marriage records of Preston County, W.Va., go back that far?

Most sincerely yours,
Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 10, 1947.

Mr. Eugene H. Cuppett,
New Paris, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Cuppett:

During the Christmas Holidays, I made a revised analysis of the JOHN CUPPY FAMILY in America and am enclosing a copy of this revision. I suggest that you destroy that earlier report or mark on its cover sheet - "See revised analysis for changes".

All efforts to link the wife of the emigrant, John Cuppy, with the Parker Family have failed. I am now convinced that it is best to accept the published statement of John Cuppy, Jr., to the effect that his mother was MARGARET DeVORE. You may recall that John Cuppy, Jr., married his cousin, Elizabeth DeVore, daughter of John DeVore, and that John Cuppy, Jr., named his eldest child, Benjamin. Many of us had originally thought it likely that this child, Benjamin, had been named for Benjamin Parker, probably the father of Mrs. John Cuppy, Sr., and Mrs. John DeVore. Since we have been unable to substantiate this idea, it seems best to fall back on the definite statement of John Cuppy, Jr., as mentioned above. If, as it is now indicated from known facts, Sarah Cuppy, daughter of John and Margaret (DeVore) Cuppy, married Benjamin Huffman about 1779 in Hampshire Co., Va., it is likely that John Cuppy,Jr and Benjamin Huffman were very close friends and hence, John Cuppy, Jr., named his eldest son for his brother-in-law. Benjamin Huffman was listed in the 1782 Va. Census with wife and two children in the Hampshire Co. district near the Cuppy families. However, Benj. Huffman was missing in the 1784 Va. Census, indicating that he was one of the first to move to the Ohio River Country. In fact, there was an Abraham Huffman born in Ohio Co.,Va., (part formed into Brooke Co., Va., in 1797) on Nov. 19, 1785, who had brothers: Benjamin, Daniel, Isaac, etc. These were Cuppy family first names - and Abraham Huffman later married, Margaret, daughter of Abraham and Susanna (Perrin) Cuppy, in Jefferson Co., Ohio. Hence, the best bet is that the Cuppy families followed the Benjamin Huffman family to the Ohio River country following the Revolution.

With Aaron Cuppy in Kentucky as early as 1794 was the family of Isaac and Elizabeth (Cuppy?) Hibbs, the Daniel DeVore Family, and several Walker and Arnold families. As I stated before, Aaron Cuppy, born in 1774, does not fit into the pattern of the Cuppy Family except through an older son such as Daniel Cuppy. The John Cuppy Sr will mentions only three surviving sons who were: John Jr., Abraham, and Henry. The John Cuppett Family of Preston Co., W.Va., state that John Cuppett was born in 1774 but the 1850 U.S. Census list him as 79 years of age, b. in Pa. Hence he was born about 1772 or 1771. This provides for Aaron as the middle child - which I think was correct. It also seems logical that after the death of Daniel Cuppy in 1776, the three orphan boys: John, Aaron, and Isaac, were probably brought up by DeVore Family relatives in York Co., Pa., which probably accounts for two of them changing the name to the French spelling. The John Cuppett Family reports having had possession of an old grain sack for many years with "A. Cuppy" inscribed thereon. It was most probably a sack belonging to Aaron Cuppy and left behind when he went to Kentucky in 1794. The reason Aaron retained the old spelling of the name could well be explained in the fact that he came west with other members of the Cuppy Family.

You may recall that I wrote that the 1820 Census for Nelson County, Ky., listed two Aaron Cuppys and two John Cuppys. This had me bewildered when I first received the data. A subsequent search of the Nelson County Tax records showed that there was never more than one Aaron Cuppy and one John Cuppy. John Cuppy was the eldest son of Aaron. The explanation seems to be that they operated taverns and the Census Report included the occupants of the taverns under the operators' names.

I have still to locate the residence of Isaac Hibbs and his wife, Elizabeth (Cuppy?), during the Revolution. This may be the family which made that settlement on the old John Cuppy tract in Monongalia County, Va., (now Preston Co., W. Va.) which John Cuppy, Sr., sold to Ephraim Frazee in 1781. There were two Hibbs Families in Washington Co.,Pa., in 1790 Census - which is across the line from Preston Co., W. Va. Isaac Hibbs may have been in Ohio Co., Va., near the Huffman Family prior to his moving to Kentucky about 1794. It may have been from Isaac Hibbs that your ancestor, Isaac Cuppet, got his name. We know that there was a Daniel DeVore in Kentucky, old enoughto have been the uncle of Aaron Cuppy. We may eventually find that the father of Margaret (DeVore) Cuppy, wife of the emigrant, John Cuppy, was a Daniel DeVore. The DeVore families in early New Jersey were largely in Sussex Co., N.J., near the New York border.

Do you know of any professional researcher at Bedford? I am anxious to find someone to look up data on an early settler in Bedford County, Pa., by the name of William Stark, who bought patent land there prior to the Revolution.

I have been in Bedford and examined the records of the early Jacob Shriner who died there in 1848, leaving a will, in which he named his wife, Elizabeth, and 8 children: (1) Philip, (2) Michael, (3) Henry, (4) Mary, (5) Catherine, (6) Elizabeth, (7) Susanna, and (8) Barbara. I descend from Philip Shriner and wife Christena, who settled in Frederick Co., Maryland, in 1784 from Pennsylvania. I think my family is related to the Bedford Co. Shriners but I do not know how close.

Yours truly,
Walter O. Shriner
Dr. Walter O. Shriner

Crafton, Pa.,
Jan 12, 1947.

Dr. Walter O. Shriner.
Terre Haute, Ind.,

Dear Dr. Shriner:

I was delighted to receive your letter and a copy of the "Revised Tentative Report on the John Cuppy Family in America", which came yesterday.

I have often thought of you and your interest in the history of this family.

I am quite busy at present, so it will take me some time to read and digest what you have written, and possibly do a bit of research myself before I can write at length in reply.

Yours with best wishes,

C. A. McGrew.

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2525 North Ninth St.,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
February 14, 1947.

Mr. J. W. Coppij,
10 Academiestraat
Franeker Province
Holland.

Dear Meester Coppij:

A few days ago, I happened to contact a countryman of yours by the name of H. Vijfhuezen; this man is in the United States promoting the sale of tulips. He informs me that you pronounce your name as we spell Cuppy in English.

My wife's name is Cuppy and we are interested in finding out, if possible, from which European country her original Cuppy ancestor came. This ancestor was John Cuppy, born about 1716; came to New York around the year 1750; married a French Huguenot woman by name of Margaret DeVore; and had the following children: (1) Daniel, (2) Elizabeth, (3) Sarah, (4) John, (5) Abraham, (6) Henry, and (7) Elsie.

The emigrant John Cuppy, Sr., settled in New Jersey (near New York) following his marriage and later settled in Virginia. His son, John Cuppy, Jr., lived to be over 100 years of age, and left a written family record which states that his father was of Dutch ancestry. New York, originally called New Amsterdam, was settled by people from Holland and many of these people moved across into New Jersey.

This John Cuppy, Sr., died in Virginia in 1802 and it has been recorded in the family records that he was 86 years of age at the time. If so, he would have been over 30 years of age at the time he came to America and may have had an earlier marriage in Europe.

I am writing you in the hope that you may have a record of the Coppij Family and might happen to know whether or not there was a Johannes Coppij who migrated to America about 1750.

I am sorry not to be able to write this letter in your language.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Dr. Walter O. Shriner

2825 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana
August 17, 1948

Mr. C. A. McGrew
73 McMunn Avenue
Crafton, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McGrew:

I was very happy to get your letter, dated May 29, 1948, but was sorry to learn that you are having trouble with your vision. I guess we never fully appreciate the blessings with which we were born until we begin to lose them. I have been using spectacles now for some five years or more and am about ready to stronger lenses.

Your comments on the third edition of the report of the Cuppy Family in America were greatly appreciated. After meeting a man from Holland who knew the Koppje (pronounced Cuppy) Family back in Amsterdam, I wrote to a Johan Koppje living in the old country who was supposed to have considerable records of the family. However, I never received a reply. Perhaps the devestation of the late war has been too great for native Hollanders to think of genealogy. Since the original John Cuppy first settled in Morris County, New Jersey, and among Hollanders, it would seem more likely that he was a Dutchman rather than German. I doubt if we ever obtain any definite proof.

I regret having stressed the fact that there was coal on the land of Abraham Cuppy to the extent that the report seemed to make him out to be an early coal miner. That was a mistake as your letter clearly explains.

If you would care to pass on your Uncle John's 1859 Diary, I would like to have it. If you should happen to want it back later, I would return it.

I also want to thank you for sending the report on the "Kent Genealogy".

Most sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner
Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana
August 25, 1948

Mr. C. A. McGrew
73 McMunn Avenue
Crafton, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McGrew:

I have received the 1859 Diary of your Uncle John Worrall Cuppy and have read it through with great interest. Most personal diaries would contain a considerable amount of "purely personal piffle" and that is one of the reasons that I never kept such a record myself. How ever, genealogical research would be much easier if more of our ancestors had formed the practice.

I noted with special care, that report of the special interview with old John Cuppy at Osborn, near Dayton, in which old John stated that his mother was MARGARET PARKER, and that there were four sons and two daughters. You will note that he made no attempt to place them in chronological order --- naming the four brothers as: Abraham, Daniel, Henry, and John; the two sisters as: Betty and Sally (Huffman). This convinces me that only the six children grew to adulthood - hence we have identified all of them to all practical purposes. In my own mind, Sally married Benjamin Huffman in Hampshire County, Va., and was the mother of the Huffman children who settled in Ohio County, across the River from Ohio.

In reading over the complete diary, a number of other interesting genealogical facts were revealed. It is stated that his Uncle John Ong and Aunt Mary (Cuppy) Ong resided at "Ong's Old Mill" near Mt. Pleasant until about 1852 when they removed to Tonica in LaSalle County, Illinois. He also named at least four of their children: (1) Jacob Ong, (2) Abraham Ong, (3) Harlan Ong, and (4) Isaac Ong, the last to remain with the parents. He wrote several letters during that year to S. L. Ong but never mentioned this one by name in his daily comments. The female Ong cousins may have been mentioned under their married names but were not distinguished as Aunt Mary's daughters.

I presume his Uncle Benjamin Lakins and Aunt Elizabeth were on the Worrall side of the family. He mentioned a lot of these Lakin cousins who were living near Earlville. He also mentioned his Uncle William Worrall whose wife was Aunt Sally, also living out in LaSalle County, Illinois.

Upon his return to Jefferson County, Ohio, he mentions visiting his Uncle Charles Noble and Aunt Elizabeth near Mt. Pleasant. He also mentions his cousins: Abraham C. Noble and Anne Noble. Hence, the Nobles had at least two children.

While at Mt. Pleasant, he also visited his Aunt Sally Tweedy in Mt. Pleasant. While there one day, he met his cousin, Robert Hochaday (who had married the McGrew cousin) and Sophie. Was this Aunt Sally a former "Cuppy" or was she a "Worrall"? I am hoping that she was Sarah (Cuppy) Taylor who later married Tweedy after old Abraham's death in 1841.

He also mentions that his Aunt Maria Cuppy and Old Mr. and Mrs. Waddle visited on Oct. 31, 1859 in Yorkville. This, of course, was the widow of his Uncle William Cuppy. He also mentioned visiting his cousin Joseph Cuppy near Mt. Pleasant. We know Joseph to have been the son of Uncle William through correspondence with his grandson, John S. Cuppy of Pittsburg.

While visiting the County Fair (Harrison County) at Cadiz, he met cousins: Mary Ann Timmons and Anne Cuppy. It doesn't seem likely that these, were cousins coming down from Ashland County, daughters of Uncle John Cuppy.

Again he mentioned Cousins Henry and Washington Cuppy who arrived at his father's home for a Reunion dinner on Dec. 31, 1859. Of course, Henry Cuppy was the son of Old John Cuppy of Osborn, and was courting Sarah Ann. But who was Washington Cuppy? The only "Washington" Cuppy of whom I have heard was the son of the John A. Cuppy who laid out the city of New Cumberland across the Ohio. This G. ashington Cuppy was born about 1845 and was a grand nephew of Henry Cuppy - hence Henry could have been visiting across the Ohio River and brought the lad over for a visit with Mt. Pleasant branches.

The only reason for bringing up these matters lies in the fact that if and when an effort is made to extend the "CUPPY FAMILY HISTORY" to include another generation, it will be important to have a full set of the children of those included in the last edition.

If the diaries of other years of John Worall Cuppy are scattered around, it would be a fine thing if we knew just where they were located. I have a hunch that perhaps some of his diaries prior to 1859 might reveal the names of his many cousins, also additional data on his uncles and aunts.

I have a new typewriter and I haven't learned to hit the keys as well as I did on the old one. I use that as an excuse for errors anyway.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Crafton, Pa.
August 30, 1948.

Dr. Walter O. Shriner.
2525 N. 9th St.,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Shriner:—

Considering that I mailed the 1859 diary of John W. Cuppy only a week ago, I think that both it and you made good time, in that I received your letter Saturday morning. I read as much of the letter as I could see, then had my son read it over to me when he was over last evening.

I made some "large scale" notes then, and will try to answer your queries now, while they are fresh in my mind.

Elizabeth Lukens, wife of Benjamin Lukens of Earlville, Ill, (or vicinity) was a Worrall, the next younger sister of my grandmother (Worrall) Cuppy, (1802-1850), I believe. There are several Lukens children, one William Hays Lukens were whom JWC mentioned frequently, and one daughter who married a widower - Stillson with a family, and had some children of her own. JWC usually made his home at Stillson's when teaching or merchandising in Earlville. JWC also had two uncles, William & Thomas Worrall who lived in Earlville or vicinity, but I believe both moved farther west.

"Aunt Sally Tweedy" was Sarah (Worrall) Tweedy, wife of William Tweedy, who had a brother John Tweedy. It was the latter's son, David Tweedy (1837 ~~1843~~-1903) who married my mother's sister, Margaret Cuppy (1843-1870).

Robert Hockaday's wife was Susanna McGrew, daughter of James Walker McGrew and Ann (Cuppy) McGrew. They removed to Decatur, Ill, I believe.

"Mr & Mrs. Waddle" were probably the parents of Matthew M. ("Mac") Waddle, who married my mother's sister Mary. The latter couple removed to Kansas. In 1904 my father and mother & I went to the Expo. at St. Louis, then visited the Waddles and Cuppys at Lyndon, Kansas, where my "Uncle Mac" Waddle was still living as were also his son Geoffrey ("Jeff") and family, and his two daughters, Orlencia & Cora. My uncle William Cuppy and Aunt Jane (Waddle) sister of "Mac W")

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were also living in Lyndon at that time, but all are long since dead except "Jeff" Waddle's three daughters who live in Topeka, I believe, and possibly Dora who was still living in Lyndon a few years ago. Forrest & Fred were also sons of "Mac" & Mary Cuppy Waddle (Fred & Ottawa, Kans) and Flora (Waddle) Henderson, of Chicago, was their daughter, also.

If you ever read through JWC's diaries, you will find a lot about the Waddles, who lived for a time at Wellsburg, W.Va, where Uncle Mac operated a ferry-boat crossing The Ohio River to La Grange (now Brilliant) and where JWC was a school principal.

I do not know who Anne Cuppy may have been, or just who Mary Ann Simmons was, though I know the Simmons' of Cadiz, Ohio, were related to the Cuppys in some way.

Of course, as you say, Henry Cuppy was Henry Orlas Cuppy of Osborne, Ohio, and The Washington Cuppy who was with him was probably from Brooke or Hancock Co, Va. probably the father (or grandfather?) of Niece Helen

Cuppy, of New Cumberland, West Va.

It has occured to me that you might like to go through all of the diaries of JWC which I now have - 30-some, I imagine, and make "briefs" of the genealogical or other interesting items in them. The material might be arranged somewhat as it was in your recent letter, under year + date, with space left for my comments or reference notes, then if two copies were sent to me, I could fill in one for each of us. {have it done on a type-writer, that is.

If you care to undertake that, let me know at a convenient time and I will send the diaries to you - probably by express. There would be no great hurry for their return, of course but at the rate you went through 1859 your part would be soon done. What do you think of the idea?

Sincerely yours,
C. A. McGrew.

3535 North Ninth St.,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
November 5, 1948.

Mr. William B. Cuppy
Hobart, Oklahoma.

My dear Mr. Cuppy:

My wife has recently returned from San Pedro, Cal., where she attended the funeral of her father, John William Cuppy. In looking over some papers of her deceased father, she came across a letter wtitten in January, 1943, by your daughter, Lt. Mary Katherine Cuppy, which was in response to one which had been written to her after her picture had appeared in the Los Angeles paper.

In this letter written by your daughter, it was stated that her father was William Bismark Cuppy, born in Missouri, and that your father was Thomas Ward Cuppy.

For a number of years, a group of us have been collecting data on the descendants of the projenitor of the Cuppy Family in America, namely, one John Cuppy who came to New York about 1750, settled and married Margaret Parker in Morris County, N. J.; removed to Hampshire County, Virginia, about 1763 where he remained until after the Revolution; then settled in Brooke County, Virginia, (now West Virginia) where he died in 1802. They had children as follows: (1) Daniel, (2) Elizabeth, (3) Sarah, (4) John, (5) Abraham, and (6) Henry.

From my notes on the Cuppy Family, I am of the opinion that you are a member of the Henry Cuppy branch. The fifth child of Henry Cuppy and wife, Sarah, was Thomas Cuppy who married Jemima Ward in Wayne County, Indiana, on Sept. 7, 1820. Since your father was named Thomas Ward Cuppy, it would indicate that he might well have been the son of Thomas and Jemima (Ward) Cuppy. Will Cuppy, the feature writer for the New York Times is also a member of the HENRY CUPPY branch.

My wife descends through the eldest son of the original John Cuppy, namely, the son Daniel Cuppy.

My data on the grandchildren of HENRY CUPPY is rather limited. Henry Cuppy died in Wayne County, Indiana, just across the border from Ohio, in 1833, and his children soon scattered westward. I am hoping that you may have some data on the early members of you family which you could give me. With a bit more definite data on your ancestors, I think your full lineage could be definitely established.

Hoping to hear from you, I am

Most sincerely yours,
Walter O. Shriner
Walter O. Shriner

November 17-48
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Mr Walter Shriner
35 35 North Ninth St.,
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Mr Shriner:

I believe that your records of the Cuppy ancestry may be more complete than the one we have. Except from the localities of the early families your records coincide with the records we have. The early name of Hard also appears with us. Great grandfather Cuppy having married a Hard There appears ~~three~~ four brothers William, Abraham, Thomas and John. I do not know which of these names comprised the earliest ancestry.

Will Cuppy of Long Island is a grand ~~sone~~ son of Abraham Cuppy who settled in an early day in Whitley county Ind. and opened the first county records of Whitley county, he lived adjoining South Whitley, Indiana - when the country there was a wildnerness.

My grandfather Thomas and his father moved from Kentucky to Iowa from Illinois.

The earliest Cuppy of whom we have knowledge was an imigrant prior to the revolution

Not wanting to be delayed at Ellis Island he jumped over board with a companion and swam ashore.

a shark or fish bit off the toe of his companion, all Cuppy's of whom we have knowledge descended from him, he later lived in Kentucky.

There seems to be another line of Cuppys with marked resemblance to ours of which we have no record. Now as to our name - in feudal times families were named from their trade or from the locality in which they lived, our name was probably derived from Kopje meaning brush hills so no doubt we could be originally from the hills.

We shall watch for other records in our books and shall inform if we are able to find more accurate records

I am 77 years old am in fair health except that I am afflicted with cataracts which prevent me from reading or writing.

We have two daughters, Margaret Crocker in Washington, D.C. whose husband is a scientist, and Capt. Mary Katherine Cuppy in the army nurse corps - transfered from California to Bayreuth Germany where she is Chief Nurse of the 120 Station hospital.

We hope to receive other letters from you.

Sincerely yours,

H B Cuppy.

Feb 10 - 49

Dr. Walter O Shriner
2525 N. 9th St
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Mr Shriner.

In reply to your letter of Jan. 24th I find by comparison with our records that you have the complete history of abraham Cuppy who settled in Whitley County Indiana on the bank of Eel River, immediately across from South Whitley, he compiled the first record of Whitley County Ind.

Our records of my fathers branch of the family are incomplete as to the early line. I believe my great grandfather may have lived in Kentucky at a very early day and possibly my grandfather as well.

my grand father Thomas lived in McLean county Ill. possibly in the town of McLean in 1860. After the war he moved to Kent Iowa in Union county near the county seat Creston at which place, where he died.

My father Thomas Ward Cuppy was born in January 1835 and died Oct 8 1920. He had one brother John and two sisters Susan and Amy all of whom are dead and a half brother Charles

You asked where our people lived in Kentucky I do not know but it may have been Germantown at a very early date.

My father if living could supply more definite information about our family of which I am the last remaining one, except my daughters.

~~1~~(Margaret) Mrs Allan J. Crocker lived at 5-5 West Side, Cabin John, Maryland. Just outside of the District of Columbia

I doubt if the records at Washington D.C. go very far back. My cousin Sadie McCrary looked up our history with a view of joining the D.A.R's, only to find her ancester fought on the side of the British during the Revolution

We have lived at Butler Missouri where I was born and in Kay County Oklahoma and in Hobart.

I wish I could supply more information and I shall be glad to communicate with you at all times. Please do not send postage stamps

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